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THE NEXT STEP: MAHATMA'S COME-BACK: LEADERS' REACTION TO ARRESTS: FATE OF PRIVATE MOTIONS

(FROM "A. P." AND "UNITED PRESS")

MUZAHARPURI, March 15.

Talks in the Congress Camp suggest the possibility of Gandhiji addressing either the All-India Congress Committee or the open session of the Congress in regard to the resolution on the internal and international situations, passed by the Working Committee at Patna.

MAHATMA PARTICIPATES

Mahatma Gandhi participated in to-day's meeting of the Working Committee till 6 p. m. The meeting, however, continued though Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, Dr. Praffulla Ghosh and Seth Jamnalal Bajaj left soon after Gandhiji's departure.

It appears that there is little probability of the Patna resolution being amended.

Mahatma Gandhi

BE NOT DISMAYED

Let them desert thee
Who are thine own,
Be not dismayed.

The tree of thy hope may withet
And the fruit lost,
Be not dismayed.

Even if overtaken by dark night
In the whole of thy path
Walk on.

Even if thou faileth in thine efforts
To light the lamp
Be not dismayed.

Never go baffled in despair
If gates are shut against thee;
And if they refuse to yield to thy knocks,
Be not dismayed.

—RABINDRANATH TAGORE.

Deshpande Arrested

Action Under Defence Ordinance

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. S. V. Deshpande, Secretary of the Girni Kamgar Union was arrested at 10 p. m. at the Union Office, under Defence of India Rules. It is understood, he will be detained in Yeravda.

Four Volunteers Arrested

Four volunteers were arrested by the Police on Friday in the labour area for alleged breach of Police Commissioner's orders.

Two of them were arrested at Fergusson Road, one at Worli and the other at Suparibaug Road.

SUGAR STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK

PATNA, March 15.

The sugar factory at Dalmianagar started working to-day with a small complement, according to a report received here.

The attendance at the later shifts increased and it is expected that the sugar factory will soon be working with full complement.

It is also expected that the paper mill and other units of Rohtas Factories which had not been running on account of strike will resume working in a day or two.

The return to work of a larger number of workers at Dalmianagar is believed to be due to the increased confidence brought among loyal workers about their personal safety by a Government notification assuring protection to such workers.

A number of stray assaults are however reported.—A. P.

Other Strike News On Page 11

Leaders Confer

Before the Working Committee commenced its sitting, informal conversations were held among groups of members at the cottages of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

These related, it appears, mainly to the situation arising out of the increasing number of arrests in all parts of the country under the Defence of India Rules.

It appears that the consensus of opinion favours the adoption of only one resolution that was passed at Patna with a probable rider about the situation created by the arrest of prominent workers.

After exchange of views on the march of events after the Patna meeting of the Working Committee, the leaders examined, it is understood, a list of 35 balloted resolutions tabled by the members of the All-India Congress Committee. These include resolutions on war, the Indian States' "repression," the forward policy in the Frontier, the lifting of the ban on Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose and the cessation of negotiations with the Viceroy.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETS

The first meeting of the Congress Working Committee in Congress Nagar commenced at 2 p.m. to-day in a specially erected pandal.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad presided and all the members excepting Mr. Jairamdas Doulatram and Dr. B. C. Roy were present. Dr. Roy is expected to arrive to-morrow while Mr. Doulatram will not attend the Session, as he is ill.

The following members were present: Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Mr. J. B. Kripalani, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, Mr. Jamnalal Bajaj, Dr. Prafulla Chandra Ghosh, Mr. Harekrishna Mahatab, Mr. Shankarrao Deo and Dr. Pattabhi Seetaramayya.

Mahatma Gandhi may attend

(Continued on page 4, col. 6)

JAIPRAKASH CASE

Judgment Reserved

CHAIBASA, March 15.

During the second day's proceedings of his trial today Mr. Jaiprakash Narain made a lengthy statement and declined to cross-examine the witnesses.

Judgment was reserved.—A.P.

KISAN CHIEF ARRESTED

Police Raid Dr. Ahmad's Residence In Allahabad

ALLAHABAD, March 15.

Rahul Sankratyan, the well-known scholar and the President-elect of the All India Kisan Sabha was arrested here to-day under Section 26-D of the Defence of India Rules.

The local police also searched the residence of Dr. Z. A. Ahmad and took possession of some copies of the publication entitled "Hindusthan Aur Jung"—A. P.

18 MONTHS' R. I. FOR MADRAS SOCIALIST

VELLORE, March 15.

Mr. P. Shanmugam, Secretary of the North Arcot District Congress Socialist Party was convicted and sentenced to 18 months' rigorous imprisonment by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Vellore, in connection with an anti-war speech at Vellore on January 26 during the celebration of the Independence Day.—A. P.

NO AMENDMENT OF PATNA DECISION

MAZAHARPURI, March 15.

"We do not think that we shall amend the Patna resolution," said Dr. Rajendra Prasad when he emerged from the Working Committee meeting.

Hunt For Fire-Arms

Two Hours' Search Of Indian Seamen's Centre

Nothing Found

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, March 15.

I understand that armed with warrants for search of their premises, officers from Scotlandyard visited yesterday and to-day certain London apartments where Indians reside or congregate to make further enquiries in connection with the Caxton Hall shooting.

This morning three officers visited 179 High St., Popular, East End and informed Mr. Surat Ali, Secretary of the Hindustani Social Club, that they had a warrant to search the premises for fire-arms.

Mr. Ali offered every facility to the officers for the search, handed them the keys of the cupboards, desks etc., helped them by showing round the whole place and answered every question apparently to their satisfaction.

The search lasted for 2 hours and I understand the officers retired without finding fire-arms or taking away with them any documents.

179 High St. is also the headquarters of the Oriental Film Artists Union and the Centre of activities of the Indian and Colonial seamen.

SCANDINAVIAN ALLIANCE:

SWEDEN WELCOMES PLAN: BUT NORWAY REJECTS IT

SPEED-UP OF DEFENSIVE MEASURES: OSLO CONFERENCE TO DECIDE COURSE OF ACTION

STOCKHOLM, March 15.

While the Norwegian and Swedish Governments are examining Finland's plans for defensive alliance, public opinion is divided on its desirability.

Large Norwegian circles will reject any defensive pact on ground that it will not help the situation while in Sweden the idea is popular.

SCANDINAVIA'S FEARS

Defence measures are being speeded up in all directions in Scandinavia. More than Finland is in peril, it is felt.

PORTENTOUS

The whole question as to whether Finland and perhaps Norway and Sweden will be forced to become members of the Russo-German Bloc is at stake.

Oslo To Be Tripartite Meeting Venue

STOCKHOLM, March 15.

The date of Conference between Sweden, Norway and Finland regarding the proposed defensive Alliance will probably be announced shortly and is expected to be held in one of the three capitals, Oslo being the likeliest.

Meanwhile Norway and Sweden are concentrating on developing their defences to the fullest extent. It is reported that Sweden is supplementing her fighter aeroplanes and the first order to the value of two million sterling has been placed in America by a Swedish delegation.

Finland's Bill

STOCKHOLM, March 15.

According to estimates published here, the war with Soviet Russia has cost Finland about 75 million sterling.—Reuter.

German Ship Scuttled

LONDON, March 15.

It is officially announced that the German ship 'Lacoruna' was intercepted by a British warship on March 13 and she scuttled herself. The crew were rescued.

When the 'Lacoruna' (7414 tons) was approached by a warship she was set on fire by the crew. Ten officers and 50 men were picked up by the warship and the 'Lacourna', then sinking rapidly, was finally disposed of by gun fire.

'Lacoruna' left Rio on February 3 and was apparently attempting to reach Germany through Norwegian waters. She was intercepted, however, a long way from her home port.

The ship appeared to be carrying a large crew for her size.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

NAZI PLANS IN SOUTH-EAST EUROPE

AMSTERDAM, March 15.

Hitler's efforts to reconcile Stalin and Mussolini as a means of furthering Nazi plans in South-east Europe are expected to be carried a stage further when Herr von Der Schulenburg, the German Ambassador in Moscow, returns to Berlin in a few days.

According to well-informed neutrals in Berlin, Hitler hopes that Russia will sign non-aggression pacts with Rumania and Turkey in the near future. In Nazi quarters, it is said that negotiations between Moscow and Bucharest are well advanced though those with Turkey are only in the preliminary stage. From Hitler's standpoint, a Soviet-Turkish pact would be even more important since he would regard it as a counterweight to the Anglo-Franco-Turkish alliance. — Reuter.

CAROL IRON GUARDS RAPPROCHEMENT

BUCHAREST, March 15.

Reconciliation between King Carol and the Iron Guards Rumania's banned Fascist organisation was announced to-day. King Carol had offered their freedom to all members who pledged adherence to the National Rebirth front. A delegation of Iron Guard's leaders to-day informed the Prime Minister M. Tatarescu that their organisation accepted King Carol's terms.—Reuter.

MASS ARRESTS IN BOHEMIA AND MORAVIA

PARIS, March 15.

A Havas despatch from the Czecho-Slovak Frontier says that there is a new wave of mass arrests in Bohemia and Moravia similar to that which preceded the invasion of Poland.—Reuter.

Czech Students Exchange Shots With German Frontier Guards

Gestapo's victims are mainly reserve officers in the Czech Army, Catholic priests, Czech legionaries and wireless amateurs, accused of operating clandestine sets

Over a hundred officers are stated to have been imprisoned last week. When German Frontier Guards fired on a group of Czech students trying to escape from Moravia into Slovakia, the refugees returned the fire and one Czech and one German were killed.

It is believed that the refugees were trying to join the Czech troops in France.—Reuter.

NAZIS SHOULD OCCUPY BOHEMIA & MORAVIA ETERNALLY

BERLIN, March 15

Thanking Baron Von Neurath for his loyal message on the anniversary of the occupation of Bohemia and Moravia, Hitler states, "For a thousand years the two provinces were reckoned the supreme pearls of the old German Reich. It is my wish that the two provinces should continue eternally as a blessing to the German and Czech peoples."—Reuter.

Hitler's Message To Hacha

BERLIN, March 15

In a message to President Hacha, Hitler declared: "It is not my aim to impose on the Czech people burdens which might threaten their national existence or bring their national conscience into conflict with the national necessities of the Reich. Therefore I hope and shall succeed in sparing this part of the Reich from the horrors of war."—Reuter.

RISE ABOVE PETTY SELVES AND

Follow Mahatma To Victorious Future

RAMGARH, March 15.

A plea to the country to have full confidence in the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi is made by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, President-elect of the Fifty-third Session of the Indian National Congress, in the course of a message to the Congress "Souvenir" published by the Reception Committee of the Ramgarh Congress.

"Mahatma Gandhi's", the Maulana says, "is the only leadership which has built up the magnificent past of our movement and through it alone can we expect to achieve a victorious future."

He adds: "We are passing through a most critical, decisive period of political struggle in India. I would appeal to each and every Congressman and Congress woman to keep two vital things in view without which it would not be possible for us to come out of the ordeal of our time successfully.

Whatever the developments might be, we can face them with dignity and strength only if our organisation is well prepared and has put an end to the internal controversy and conflict. No lover of the Congress and of Indian freedom may do anything which impairs our unity and joint will for action. We have all to rise above our petty selves and become in this crisis of our destiny true soldiers of India, speaking and acting together with dignity and forbearance and in accordance with the ideals and principles we have cherished."—A.P.

Maulana Azad Leads

'JUMMA NAMAZ'

At Congress Pandal

MUZAHARPURI, March 15.

The Congress Pandal was the venue of an impressive Friday prayer conducted by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the President-elect, this afternoon. About 700 to 800 Muslims participated in the prayer.—United Press Special.

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4th March, 1940. (2091)

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 814 of 1937.

COOVERJI NAVROJI MEHTA & Anr. ..... Plaintiffs.

vs.

MOSES BENJAMIN & Anr. ..... Defendants.

PURSUANT to Decree Absolute for Sale, dated 20th July, 1939, the following immovable properties will be sold in one lot by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on WEDNESDAY, 27th March, 1940, at 3.15 P.M. (S.T.).

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G. R. KHAIRAZ,
Commissioner.
(2130)

Public Notices

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(For further particulars see Bombay Government Gazette Part II dated 14th March, 1940, at page 482).

Dated this 15th March, 1940.

MATHURADAS VISSANJI,
Sheriff of Bombay. 2165

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 1449 of 1937.

GHANKERLAL RAMCHANDRA AGARWALLA ..Plaintiff.

vs.

RAMCHANDRA GANPAT AGARWALLA and another .....Defendants

PURSUANT to Consent Decree, dated 27th June, 1938 and Judge's Order, dated 19th December 1938 and Judge's Order dated 6th April 1939, the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction under the directions of the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at the premises at Poona on SATURDAY, the 30th March 1940, at 2 p.m. (S. T.)

PARTICULARS

Bungalow No 148, situate at Main Street, Poona and bounded on the East and West by the Government Road on the South by a lane and beyond that the boundary of Bungalow No. 149 and on the North by a bungalow No. 147 and barbers houses.

For Further particulars and conditions of sale application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the office of Messrs. DHARAMSI DINKARRAU AND NANDLAL, Attorneys for the Plaintiff abovenamed at No. 6-10 Dean Lane, Fort Bombay.

Dated this 18th day of January, 1940.

(Sd.) G. R. KHAIRAZ.
Commissioner. 2106

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DHUNMAI HORMASJI BILLIMORIA and AIMAI DARASHA PLUMBER, the Executrices of the Will of the late Pallonji Edulji Plumber of Bombay Parsi Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office No. 41, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of quit and ground rent land or ground with the messuage, tenement or dwelling-house standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Khetwadi 8th Lane in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 210 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New No. 9256, New Survey No. 5474, Cadastral Survey No. 822, of Girgaum Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward No. 1989 and Street No. 13 and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by the Sweeper's passage, on or towards the West by the aforesaid Khetwadi 8th Lane, on or towards the North by the property of Nowroji Natakwalla and on or towards the South by the Property of Oliver Karkhanawalla.

Dated this 15th day of March, 1940.

VRAJLAL & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 2163

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

THE CLIENTS of Messrs. MOHILE AND PAREKH and Messrs. MOHILE PAREKH AND MANECKLAL are hereby informed that all the papers and proceedings relating to matters disposed off before the end of the year 1932 are to be destroyed. They are therefore requested to take away their papers relating to all such matters from the office of the undersigned within one month from this date, as otherwise the same will be destroyed.

Dated this 15th day of March 1940.

MOHILE PAREKH & MANECKLAL,
Solicitors, Bombay. 2153

CORRECTION

IN THE NOTICE regarding sale of Vile-Parle property published under my signature in the 'Bombay Chronicle" of the 14th Inst. the area of land agreed to be sold has been inadvertently mentioned as 0-29-3/4 Gunthas, instead of the correct area of 23-3/4 Gunthas. The said notice should therefore be read with the above correction.

Dated 14-3-1940.

GAJANAN S. PATIL.
B.A., LL.B.,
Advocate, High Court. 2154

Auction Sales

GANDHI & CO.

Government Auctioneers.

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT PHOPHALWADY, BHULESHWAR.

Messrs. GANDHI & CO. Auctioneers will, under instructions from Messrs Dharamsi Dinkarrau and Nandlal Attorneys for Messrs. Sarupchand Lallubhai and Shantilal Talaksey the Transferees and on account and at the risk of the Mortgagors Shamabai widow of Kedarnath Ramshahey alias Ramlal, Ramnath alias Babulal Kedarnath and Kedarnath Makhanlal, under and by virtue of the power of the Mortgage dated 22nd February 1929, Transfer of Mortgage and Further Charge dated 11th April 1931 and the Assignment of Transfer of Mortgage dated the 25th day of January, 1937, sell by Public Auction the undermentioned Immovable Property on Wednesday, the 20th day of March, 1940, at 4-30 p.m (S.T.) on the Premises.

All that piece of Freehold land with the buildings situate at Phophalwady, Bhuleshwar admeasuring 260 Sq. Yards or thereabouts and registered under New Nos. 1919 and 1933, New Survey No. 560 (part) and Cadastral Survey No. 1/2370 of Bhuleshwar Division and bounded on the North by the temple of Shri Kashi Vishweshwar, on the South by the said Phophalwady lane on the East by the property of Marwadi Shrikrishnadas Balkrishnadas and on the West by the properties of Parmanand Tribhowandas and others and assessed by the Municipality under C Ward Nos. 5242-5243 and present Street No. 16 and which premises were formerly and are now in the occupation of the Mortgagors and their tenants.

For further Particulars please apply to Messrs. Dharamsi Dinkarrau and Nandlal, Attorneys for the Transferees at their Office or to the Undersigned.

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By order of the Executors of the estate of late Mr. Rustomji Dhanjibhoy Patel, Messrs. CRAWFORD & CO., Auctioneers will sell by Public Auction on Sunday 31st March, 1940 at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) at "SEA LAND", New Cuffe Parade, Colaba, furniture specially made of FRENCH & JOHN ROBERTS design, containing amongst other complete suites of Drawing, Dining and Bedroom furniture, Safe, also Cut glass chandeliers, old china, a new set of Elkington's Cutlery in Cabinet, rich dinner service, Cut glassware, etc.

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The Furniture is on view from 27th March 1940,

Jewellery will be on view at Auctioneers' room, but will be sold on SITE at Colaba.

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*Asama Maru		13 April
Tatuta Maru	25 April	3 May
Nitta Maru	10 May	18 May
*Asama Maru		3 June
Tatuta Maru	20 June	28 June
Kamakura Maru	5 July	13 July
Nitta Maru	23 July	31 July
Asama Maru	8 August	16 Aug.

*Leaving from Shanghai.

Other Passenger Services are: Bombay-Japan via ports (Monthly) Colombo-Japan via Ports Japan Seattle via Vancouver (Fortnight) Japan-Australia via Hongkong Japan south America (West Coast) and China Japan Rapid Express (every 2, 3 days), and Colombo to Europe via Suez.

Passage rates from Bombay and Colombo to the Far East, and America and also from Colombo to Europe via Suez will be quoted on application to:—

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On The Air

SATURDAY, MARCH 16.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. A I R Strings. 5-5 Asad Ali Khan. 5-25 Zinda Hasan. 5-35 Afzal Husain. 5-50 At Twilight. 6-10 Special announcements. 6-15 A Violin recital by Husn Lal. 6-30 Raftar-i-Zamana: Fortnightly review of current events in Hindustani. 6-45 Teen Taiweeren. 7 For Villagers only. 8 Melodies from the mountains. 8-15 March of Time: Fortnightly review of current events. 8-30 Akhtar Jahan Akbarabadi. 8-50 Duets with dialogue. 10 Sangeet Mala. 10-35 Persian Music.

Delhi II—Programme

60.48 metres (4,950 kc/s)

5 to 7 p.m. As in Delhi 1. 7 Sham ke rag. 8 to 10-30 As in Delhi 1.

Lahore Programme

276 metres (1,086 kc/s)

6-10 p.m. Farzana: Geets. 6-30 Krishnabai of Allahabad. 6-45 For the countryside. 7-30 Adabi Be Adabian. 8: Talk in Hindi. 7-45 Umra Zia Begam. 8 Parwaz: Play in Hindi. 9-50 Hasani of Patiala. 10 Krishnabai. 10-15 Umra Zia Begam.

Bombay I & II Programmes

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

8 a.m. Keep fit. 8-10 Indian music. 8-15 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati. 8-25 to 8-40 As in Delhi 2. 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 to 10-30 As in Delhi 2. 11-30 to 12-57 p.m. As in Delhi 2. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 to 1-30 As in Delhi 2. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 to 2 As in Delhi 2.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 to 5-25 p.m. As in Delhi 2. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 to 6 As in Delhi 2. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 to 7-30 As in Delhi 2. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Recorded music. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 to 9 As in Delhi 2. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 to 10-30 As in Delhi 2. 10-30 News in English.

Dacca—Programme

257.1 metres (1,167 kc/s)

5 p.m. Tarsanai. 5-10 Anima Das Gupta. 5-25 Santosh Sen Gupta. 5-50 Anima Das Gupta. 6-5 Khelaghar: Programme for children. 7 Rajeshwaribai. 7-30 Adana on Violin. 7-45 Short stories in Bengali literature: Talk in Bengali. 8 Coming week's programme. 8-5 Santosh Sen Gupta. 8-20 Gul Mohammad Khan. 9-5 Rajeshwaribai: Ghazals. 9-45 Four songs for you. 10 Gul Mohammad Khan

Calcutta I—Programme

(Add 24 minutes for Calcutta time)
370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

5 p.m. for the countryside. 5-50 Leelabai. 6-5 Abdul Karim Khan. 6-25 Leelabai. 6-45 Biren Bhattacharya. 7 India in Sports. 7-45 Talk in Bengali. 7-15 Dream of Iran. 8 Just a surprise. 8-15 Khayal duet. 9 Reginald Foort: Organ. 9-55 Dance music.

Calcutta II—Programme

61.98 metres (4,840 kc/s)

5 to 10-30 p.m. As in Calcutta 1.

Lucknow—Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)

5-30 p.m. Songs of the Season. 5-45 Jahanara Begum (Kajjan). 6-10 p. m. Maharaj Kishore Kapur. 6-25 Puria on Sitar. 6-30 Hamara Panchayetghar. for rural areas. 7 Karsazian. 7-15 Maharaj Kishore Kapur. 7-30 Life and Culture of Insects. 8: Talk in Hindustani. 7-45 Thumri. 8 Reference your letter. 8-15 Prem Dog. 8-30 Contraband Control: Talk. 8-45 S. N. Bali: Sitar. 8-50 Topic of the day or Indian music. 9-45 Recorded music. 9-50 Jahanara Begam (Kajjan) of Calcutta. 10 From Khayal to Geet.

Madras I—Programme

211 metres (1,421 kc/s)

4 p.m. Women's half hour. 4-30 European music. 5 Instrumental music. 5-20 Dhenuvakonda Subbarao. 6-5 Pudukotah Subramanya Aiyar. 6-30 Udumalpet Venkatakrishna Aiyar. 7 Fine Arts. 7-50 Shrimati Lakshmibai. 8-30 Doraiyappa Bhagavathar. 9 Under Fire.

Madras II—Programme

60.98 metres (4,920 kc/s)

4 to 6-5 p.m. As in Madras 1. 6-5 For rural areas. 6-30 to 9-30 As in Madras 1. 9-30 Steve Barnard. 9-50 Ethel Revnell and Grace West. 10 The quintette from His Excellency the Governor's Orchestra.

Running Commentaries From Planets

All-India Radio announces that it has successfully concluded arrangements to relay (sun-spots permitting) a series of programmes from the Solar system. It is flattering to note that our nearest neighbours in space have devoted so much of their broadcasting time to the subject of the Earth, in which we, as its temporary inhabitants, cannot fail to be interested. In appreciation of this graceful compliment, VUB is relaying in their entirety the programmes shortly to be radiated by the Sun, Venus, Mars, Saturn, Neptune, Jupiter, and it is hoped, the newly discovered planet in the depths of outer space.

On Monday (18th instant) at 9-30 p.m. the series will be opened by an introductory relay contrived by the Authorities of the Sun. Spots, prominences and radiations permitting, listeners should hear a remarkable survey of the geological, metereological and biological history of the Earth, from a source of unimpeachable authority.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE
G. I. P. Railway

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9-40	20-10
Madras Mail	6-00	22-10
Peshawar Lucknow (Express)	6-15	22-30
Calcutta Mail (Express)	9-10	17-40
Madras Express	10-15	14-25
Poona Mail	10-30	17-30
Punjab Mail	12-35	17-20
Nagpur Express	15-00	20-55
Poona Fast Passenger	16-50	11-50
Poona Express	19-32	8-05
Allahabad Express	21-00	6-15

B. B. and C. I. Railway.

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Kathiawar Mail	6-45	21-30
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00
Frontier Mail	8-15	21-45
	(Mon)	(Sat)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee Surat	10-58	18-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	5-35	13-50
Kathiawar Express	18-45	8-45
Baroda Passenger	20-37	9-25

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday this train will run on Tuesday

Arrivals at Ballard Pier
Frontier Mail (on Saturday only)

Trade Covering In March Contract

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET STEADY AFTER RECENT LIQUIDATION

Operators Contions Pending Clarification Of European Developments

BOMBAY, March 15.

On Thursday the New York Cotton Market was fairly steady on trade short covering in March contract.

Operators Cautious

Operators were cautious pending clarification of European and Washington developments.

Statistical Outlook

Agricultural Department Cotton Experts predict that continued domestic consumption and exports may total 1,36,00,000 bales compared with 1,02,25,000 last season and the production of last year of 1,16,00,000 bales.

Weakness In Sterling

The decline in sterling—Dollar cross rate to 3.72 3/8 at New York is expected to have effect in American general trade.

The New York cotton market advanced on Thursday on improved technical position after the recent heavy selling but traders were cautious pending clarification of European and Washington situation.

The small improvement seems nothing beyond a natural reaction of a temporary nature as on a close examination it will be realised that Bombay operators and their operations play an important part in shaping the course of cotton prices in World markets. It will be also noticed that both Liverpool and New York markets are closely following price movement in the Bombay cotton market.

Thus it will not be out of place to have a close eye on the Bombay market. Locally we have following factors:—

BULLISH:—

(1) Cotton prices in Bombay are now well under New York market.

(2) We have a small crop with prospects of every bale going into consumption.

(3) The market is getting liquidated and technical position is improving.

BEARISH:—

(1) Mill strike in Bombay

(2) Fears of large tenders against Broach A/M contract.

(3) Heavy stocks of cotton and large daily arrivals.

These factors are playing important part and recently bearish factors have had considerable effect but in due course bullish factors will extort their influence. This process will take some time but it goes without saying that present prices are attractive and cotton is a purchase on scale down. The first week of the next month will see heavy tenders and the course of prices will depend upon how tenders are absorbed.

AMERICAN STATISTICS

On the basis of the Census Bureau's seven months' report, agricultural department cotton experts have predicted that combined domestic consumption and exports for the season ending July 31 might total 13,600,000 bales compared with 10,225,000 last season and production last year of 11,600,000 bales.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton market opened steady and advanced on the firmness of overseas and trade, Wall Street and New Orleans buying which met a renewal of March liquidation against the issuance of 25 additional notices and Bombay selling of July and hedging.

The market later quietened with routine price-fixing and local buying absorbing offerings credited to South Eastern Mill interests. Finally trade covering in March appeared with scarcity of contracts.

PRICE MOVEMENT

The market opened at about the highest level of the day at a rise of 11 points in May delivery which was quoted at 10.67. There appeared scattered selling and May declined to 10.59 which was the lowest level. March and October deliveries were firm and the market closed at a net rise of 6 to 17 points. Spot cotton prices gained 6 points at 10.88c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was fairly steady with a slightly improved demand. The session closed at a rise of 9 to 8 points. Spot cotton prices gained 8 points at 10.44c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton futures market opened at a rise of 4 points with May 7.46. Hedging met Bombay buying and speculative support. Advance was due to technical considerations, weakness of sterling and reports of no export subsidy for the present crop. Later there was London liquidation. Local, trade and American buying met hedging followed by trade calling. The market closed at a rise of 11 to 8 points. Mid-dling American Spot cotton prices declined 13 points at 7.61d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton section was steady with a better enquiry. Uppers futures advanced 15 points and Giza futures closed 10 points up.

The Alexandria cotton market was quiet with scattered selling. Sakels declined 7 points and Ashmouni futures closed 2 to 6 points up.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York May highest (10 a.m.)	10.67+11
New York May lowest (10-15 a.m.)	10.59+03
Liverpool May highest	7.56+14
Liverpool May lowest	7.46+04

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co., Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

Liverpool: Market healthy after recent heavy liquidation. Small hedging was absorbed by trade buying.

NEW YORK COTTON
(New Contracts)

New York, March 15

March	11.00+10
May	10.79+06
July	10.53+09
October	9.86+14
December	9.70+11

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, March 14

March	10.87+17
May +	10.62+06
July	10.39+09
October	9.86+14
Middling Spot	10.88+06

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, March 14

March	10.70+09
May	10.74+09
July	10.50+08
Middling Spot	10.44+08

NEW YORK

New York, March 14
11 a.m. rates Noon call

March	10.72	—
May	10.62	10.61
July	10.36	10.35

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, March 14

	Bales.
Day's receipts at all U S Ports	7,000
Day's exports to Great Britain	7,000
Day'exports to the Continent	11,000
Day's exports to China and Japan	9,000

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, March 14

March	7.44+11
April	7.45+09
May	7.51+09
June	7.54+08
July	7.57+08
August	7.53+08
September	7.48+08
October	7.42+08
November	7.38+08
December	7.35+08
January	7.34+08
February	7.32+08
March	7.30+08
May	7.26+07
July	7.22+06
Middling Spot	7.61—13
	10-45 a.m. quotations
May	7.48
October	7.42

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, March 15.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 97-10.
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 101/14
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds 98-11
3 1/2 per cent G. P. Notes 94-4
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 104-2
5 per cent 1960/70 Loan 108/2
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 106/0
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 114/4
5 per cent 1940/43 Bond 101-11
3 per cent 1953/65 Loan 93

TAX-FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 112-3
4 per cent 1953/65 Mysore 110-8
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 120-8

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B. P. T. 1974 106
4 per cent M. Deb. 1947 105
5 per cent M. Deb. 1959 115/0
6 per cent M. Deb. 1954 122
6 per cent K. P. T 1956 120/12

Tone:—Steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, March 15

B. C. RATES—

T T D D 1/5 15/16 to 15th September

LONDON:—

Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to 15th September
Bank's buying T T 1/5 1/32 to 15th Sept.
Bank's buying D D 1/5 3/32 one month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month
Bank's buying 6 months 1/6 1/4 Two months.

NEW YORK:—

Bank's selling T T 333
Bank's buying T T 329 1/2
Bank's buying D D 328 1/2

PARIS:—

Bank's selling T T 1300
Bank's buying T T 1340

JAPAN:—

Bank's selling T T 85
Bank's buying T T 84
Bank's buying 60 days 83

AMSTERDAM:—

Bank's selling D D 65 1/8

JAVA:—

Bank's selling D D 54 5/8

HONGKONG:—

Bank's selling D D 83 1/2

SHANGHAI:—

Bank's selling D D 25

SINGAPORE:—

Bank's selling D D 157 3/4

CROSS RATE:—

Hongkong London 1/2 7/8 15th inst.
Shanghai London 0/4 5/16 15th inst.
Java London 7.47/55 15th inst.
New York London 3.71.50 14th inst.
London New York 4.02 1/2—3 1/2 14th inst.
London Paris 176 1/2—3/4 14th inst.
London Italy 74.75 14th inst.
London Belgium 23.60/75 14th inst.
London Switzerland 17.85/95 14th inst.
London Stockholm 16.55/95 14th inst.
London Amsterdam 7.53/58 14th inst.
London Japan 1/3 7/32 14th inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.
Gold £8-8-0 13th inst.
Gold £8-8-0 14th inst.
Silver London Ready 20 5/8 13th inst.
Silver London Ready 20 11/16 14th inst.
Silver London Forward 20 5/8 13th inst.
Silver London Forward 20 11/16 14th inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 13th inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 14th inst.
London discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 13th inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 14th inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 13th inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 14th inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call 1 1/4 per cent.
3 months 2 per cent.
6 months 1 3/4 per cent.
Tone:—Steady.

STOCK EXCHANGE HOLIDAYS

The local Stock Exchange will remain closed from Thursday the 21st inst., to Monday the 25th inst., both days inclusive. The New Vaida opens on Tuesday the 26th inst., and the last day is 29th inst.

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, March 15

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-6. London Paris Exchange rate was 176 1/2 to 176 3/4. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 3.72 3/8 at New York.

London Spot silver prices improved 1/16d. at 20 11/16d. and forward quotation was raised 1/16d. at 20 11/16d. There was Indian forward buying which absorbed selling by speculators. Business was small and there were buyers at fixed rates but sellers were holding off. New York Spot silver was unchanged at 34 3/4 cents Shanghai T T on London was quoted 4d. London Bombay Spot and forward parity was Rs. 55-5-0. Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 27-10-0 The local market was quietly steady with a restricted turnover and prices fluctuated within a narrow range.

Quotations were as under:

GOLD

Ready	Rs.	42 12	0
Fagan		42 12	6
Chaitra		42 14	0

SILVER

Ready	57 11	0	
Fagan	57 12	0	
Chaitra	57 15	6	

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, March 14

Broach A/M highest 255 1/4 lowest 251 1/2 closing 254 1/4

Broach J/A highest 264 1/2 lowest 261 closing 264

Oomra March highest 229 lowest 226 1/2 closing 227 3/4

Oomra May highest 233 3/4 lowest 230 closing 231 3/4

Oomra July highest 237 3/4 lowest 234 1/2 closing 236 1/2

Bengal March highest 193 1/2 lowest 190 closing 192 1/4

Bengal May highest 195 3/4 lowest 192 1/4 closing 194 1/4

Bengal July highest 199 3/4 lowest 196 1/4 closing 197 3/4

Night session: Broach A M opening Rs. 253 1/2, highest Rs. 256 1/2 lowest Rs. 253 1/2 closing Rs. 256 1/4. Broach J/A closing Rs. 266.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, March 15

Following a rise of 6 points in New York cotton futures, the local market opened to-day at Rs. 256/12 for Broach A/M delivery and improved to Rs. 257/8 under scattered buying Later on there was tired long liquidation and prices declined to Rs. 256. The market was steady at this level with a moderate turnover Business was restricted and the market was preparing for settlement of yearly tejimandi operations. It may be noted that this business was done before options were banned by the Government and there will be no fresh tejimandi business in the Bombay cotton market, although one hears small business done at times. Later on the market was quiet.

Liverpool market opened at a rise of 7 points and in the local market Broach A/M was quoted at Rs. 255 Later on Liverpool was 5 points up but the local market was steady with Broach A/M quoted at Rs. 256 The market finally closed quiet at 5 p.m. as under:

F G M G Broach:—			
April/May	Rs.	256	4 0
July/August		265	12 0
Fine M G Oomra:—			
March		229	4 0
May		233	0 0
July		237	4 0
F G M G Bengal:—			
March		196	0 0
May		197	4 0
July		200	0 0

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

Alexandria, March 14

SAKELS—	
March	18.98—07
May	19.50—07
ASHMOUNI—	
April	17.94+06
June	18.23+02
GIZA—	
March	17.98 23
May	18.62—16

Long Liquidation In Share Bazar

ABSENCE OF SUPPORT AT OPENING ADVANCE

Narrow Trading Session

Bombay, March 15

The local share bazar opened very steady with hopes of further improvement but these hopes were not realised in the later trading and the market quietened down with a steady flow of realising by recent buyers.

As pointed out before the market does not exhibit any signs of return of confidence and prices are moving up and down with operations of Bazar Taravniwalas. However, outsiders are hoping for higher prices and eventually the market gets overbought with weak holders. This state is making the market move within narrow fluctuations and the tendency remains undecided.

After yesterday's rapid improvement the market lacked further support which induced liquidation and prices eased off. The tone of the market was quiet and prices are likely to move within a range pending further developments.

With Wall Street marking time awaiting indications of the effects of Moscow dictated peace terms on the allied cause, the stock market was sluggish and movements were very narrow either way. The market closed irregular. However paucity of offerings on moderate setbacks are viewed as encouraging. U. S. Steel shares declined 1/ at 56 3/4 and Anaconda Coppers closed unchanged at 28 3/8. General Motors closed 1/8 down at 53 7/8 dollars.

Tata Steel Defd shares opened to day at Rs. 2035 and advanced to Rs. 2047 which was the highest rate Later on there was increased selling and prices declined to Rs. 2010 and finally closed at Rs 2017/8 Ordinary shares opened at Rs 382 and after advancing to Rs 384 late declined to Rs. 379.

Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 942 and advanced to Rs. 947 but later declined on general realising. Prices after declining to Rs. 932 rallied and closed at Rs. 938. Century shares closed at Rs. 285/8. Central India shares opened at Rs. 217 and declined to Rs. 283. Kohinoors opened at Rs 263 and closed at Rs. 255. New Great shares closed at Rs. 352 after opening at Rs. 364. Associated Cement shares steady at Rs. 119/4. Bellapurs changed hands at Rs. 216 and Bombay Burmas closed at Rs. 615.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE.

Bombay, March 15

Bombay Dyeing (937/8) 949 947 943 947 940 942 932 938

Century (288) 291 288 290 284 285/8

Central India (284) 287 286 287 284 285 284 283

Kohinoor (358/8) 363 360 361 359 360 355

New Great (359) 364 357 354 352

Simplex (107/8) 108 107

Swadeshi (256) 260 258 254 253

Associated Cement (118/8) 119 119/8 119/4

Andhra (1545) 1548/12

Tram Ord (130/8) 131/4

Tata Hydro (161) 162

Tata Power (1362/8) 1365 1360 1358

T Steel Defd (2027/8) 2035 2047 2032 2040 2030 2035 2017 2027 2010 2017

T Steel Ord (381) 382 384 382 384 379 380 379

Tata Steel 2nd Pref (144/8) 144/4 144/8

Bellapur (216/8) 217/8 216

B Steam (287) 288

B Burma (613/12) 618 616 621 613 615

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, March 15.

100	Ahmedabad Advance	301	4
250	BOMBAY DYEING	935	0
100	CENTURY	285	8
100	CENTRAL INDIA	283	0
100	COLABA	156	8
100	Coorla	120	0
250	David	40	0
250	Dawn	390	0
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.	7	8
100	FINLAY	165	0
100	GOKAK	192	0
1000	Hindustan	1800	0
100	Indore	39	4
100	Khatau	113	8
10	KOHINOOR X.D.	355	0
250	Laxmi	513	12
250	Madras United	25	0
100	MORARJI	192	0
250	Model	70	8
50	MYSORE	107	0
200	NEW GREAT	352	8
100	Oosmanshai	55	0
100	Phoenix	280	0
25	SASSOON SILK	78	0
1000	Sholapur	3610	0
50	SIMPLEX	107	0
100	SWADESHI	254	0
100	SWAN	153	0
500	Vishnu	1300	0
1000	Western	900	0

BANKS

50-100	Baroda X.D	99	0
25-50	Central	36	4
500	Imperial	1517	8
125-500	Imp. Conty.	369	6
50-100	India	140	8
100	Reserve Bank	109	4
5	Union	5	12

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED	119	4

INSURANCE

100	Empire	630	0
15-100	Jupiter	10	6
50	Mercantile	49	0
15-75	New India	38	12
200	Oriental	4350	0
10-50	Vulcan	7	1

ELECTRIC

100	Ahmed. Old	152	8
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1548	12
10	Ajmer	10	8
50	BOMBAY TRAM	131	4
100	Bombay Suburban	162	8
10	Broach	11	2
100	Karachi	190	0
100	Poona	185	0
100	Surat	155	0
100	TATA HYDRO	162	0
1000	TATA POWERS	1358	12

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij	955	0
100	C. Province	97	8
100	Dh. Baramati	96	0
100	Gujarat	95	0
100	Mandra Bhon	91	8
100	Pachora Jamner	72	0
100	Sara Serajganj	93	4
500	Tapti Valley	757	8

MININGS

9	Burma Corporation X D.	6	8
2sh.	Indian Copper	2	4 6
10	Indian Iron and Steel	35	12
15	SHIVRAJPUR	39	0
30	TATA STEEL DEF.	2017	8
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	379	0

MISCELLANEOUS

100	ALCOCK	487	8
10	Air Services	5	0
50	BELLAPUR SUGAR	216	0
200	Bombay Safe Dep.	621	4
250	BOMBAY STEAM	288	0
125	B. BURMA	615	0
50	B. BURMA CONT.	199	6
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	4	12 3
50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE	91	8
100	IND. BLEACHING	113	0
50	Ind. Invest Trust	44	12
100	Ind Radio Def	457	8
100	Indian Radio Ord.	465	8
100	Port Canning	74	4
30	PREMIER CON.	86	0
15	Scindia	18	1
25	Tata Oil Mill	49	8
100	Western I Match	137	8

PREFERENCE

7	p.c Andhra Valley	1430	0
6	p.c. Bombay Steam	283	12
7	p.c. Bombay Tram (T.F.)	75	8
5	p.c. Central India (T.F.)	567	8
6	1/4 p.c. Prem. Const. 1st	108	0
6	1/4 p.c. Prem. Const. 2nd	103	0
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	142	8
7	1/2 p.c Tata Power	1495	0
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st Pref.	203	0
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	144	8
7	p.c. Vishnu	680	0

DEBENTURES

3	3/4 p.c. Andhra Valley	100	0
6	p.c Andhra Valley	103	10
4	p.c. Bombay Telephone	50	4
7	p.c. Sholapur	75	0
6	p.c. Tata Hydro	103	8

(Capital letters indicate shares on forward list.)

WALL-STREET MARKET

New York, March 14

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have issued the following report showing quotations of the New York Stock Exchange:

	Dollars
Amr Pow and Lt 5 per cent Pfd	45
Amr For Pow 7 per cent Pfd	23
Amr For Pow 5 per cent Pfd 2030	62
Electric Bond and Share Common	6
Electric Bond and Share dol 5 Pfd	56 5/8
Int Tel and Tel (Foreign)	4 1/2
Int Tel and Tel 1952	41
Amr Tel and Tel	172 5/8
Sun Life of Canada	295
Union Pacific,	94
Chesapeake and Ohio	39
Western Union Telegraph	23 1/8
New York Central R R	15 7/8
Pennsylvania R R	22
Canadian Pacific	5
Union Carbon and Carbide	84 3/4
Chase National Bank	34 1/4
United States Steel	56 3/4
Bethlehem Steel	75 1/4
Crucible Steel	38
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	22
Republic Steel	20
Inland Steel	85
Int Nickel of Canada	35 1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining	28 3/8
U. S. Smelting	62
Chrysler Motors	85
General Motors	53 7/8
Columbia Gas and Electric	6
Firestone Rubber	19 7/8
Socony	11 1/8
Consolidated Oil	7 3/8
Texas Corporation	45 1/4
National City Bank of New York	29

Turnover 660,000 shares.

CALCUTTA JUTE

Calcutta, March 15

Calcutta Jute Java delivery opened this morning at Rs. 67/8 and closed at Rs. 68. In the afternoon prices opened at Rs. 68 and under moderate buying improved to Rs. 68/8 but later reacted to Rs. 68/2 under scattered selling.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 14

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£69 1/2
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948	£82 1/2
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£95 1/2
Indian stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	£113
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£73 1/4
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£98
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£99
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£112 1/8
Victory Bonds	£109 1/2
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£9 1/4
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg	£91
National Bank of India	£30 7/8

COTTON PARITY

Difference Broach A/M below Liverpool May 163 penny points

Difference Broach J/A below Liverpool July 145 penny points

Difference Broach A/M below New York May 73 cent points

Difference Broach J/A below New York July 14 cent points

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

Bombay, March 15

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

3 1/2 per cent Paper 94/5; 4 per cent 1960/70 108/3; 5 per cent 1945/55 112/3

BANKS

Bank of Baroda 99; Bank of Hindusthan 21/8; Bank of India 140; Central Bank 36/2; Imperial Bank F P 1517/8; Imperial Bank P P 369/8; Indian Overseas Bank XD 50; Reserve Bank 109/4; Union Bank 5/11/6

TEXTILES

Ahmd New Textiles 445; Ambica 267/8; Arun 210/8; Arvind 1360; Asok 217/8; Bharatkhand Textiles 2150; Bombay Dyeing 932/8 Buckingham and Carnatica 217; Calico 742/8; Central India 282/8; Century 285; Colaba 155/10; Elgin 155/10; Gokak 191/4; Hukumchand 165/10; Indore Malwa 38/12; Jubilee 252/8; Khatau Makanji 113/2; Kohinoor 354/6; Laxmi Cotton 512/8; Madhusudan 200; Mardan 104; Morarji 191/8; Mysore 107; Nandlal Bhandari 77/4; New Great 352/8; Raipur 700; Rajnagar 147/8; Sajjan 97/8; Sassoon and Alliance 88/4; Sholapur 3680; Simplex 107; Swadeshi 253/2; Vishnu 1395; Podar Mills 180

HYDRO ELECTRICS

Andhra Valley ord 1550; Tata Hydro ord 161/8; Tata Power ord 1357/8

ELECTRICS

Ahmedabad Electrics 152/8; Ajmer Electrics 10/8; Amalgamated 10/8; Bombay Suburban 162/8; Bombay Tram 130/11; Lahore Electrics 225; Surat Electrics 155

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock Ashdown 485; Associated Cements 119/4; Belapur 215; Bombay Burma New 195; Bombay Burma Old 613/12; Bombay Steam 287/8; Bombay Telephone 92; Br. B. Petrol 4/12/6; Bur

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NEW YORK COTTON TWO POINTS UP

Cotton Prices Confined To Small Range

Increased Offerings In Wheat And Seeds

BOMBAY: MARCH 15.

THE NEW YORK COTTON MARKET WAS MODERATELY ACTIVE ON STEADIER OVERSEAS CABLES. THE SENTIMENT WAS BETTER ON INCREASED OUTSIDE INTEREST

THE LOCAL MARKET FLUCTUATED WITHIN NARROW MARGIN EITHER WAY.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE WAS QUIETLY STEADY. GILT-EDGED SECURITIES RECEIVED SOME SUPPORT. RAW RUBBER WAS EASIER. SILVER WAS BETTER ON INDIAN SUPPORT.

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MAY 1940

New York: March 15.

Previous closing	10.62
To-day's opening	10.67
Difference	+5
To-day's closing	10.64
Difference	+2

BROACH EXPECTATION

Broach April/May	Rs. 255/8
Broach July/August	Rs. 265/8

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MAY 1940

Liverpool: March 15.

Previous closing	7.51
To-day's opening	7.58
Difference	+7
To-day's closing	7.61
Difference	+10

N. Y COTTON MARKET

New York: March 15.

The trading in May began at 10.67, i. e. 5 points higher than the last closing. Prices advanced on higher Liverpool and Bombay cables with some trade calling while later outside support caused further rise with May improving to 10.70.

BOMBAY COTTON

Night Session.

Bombay: March 15.

Broach April/May opened at Rs. 256/8, advanced to Rs. 257/12 and then closed at Rs. 256/8 July/August was quoted at Rs 266/4.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: March 15.

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange:—

March	(10.79/79) 10.89/87
May	(10.67/65) 10.68/67
July	(10.34/34) 10.46/45

Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool: March 15.

American March	(7.46) 7.53
American May	(7.54) 7.57
Giza March	(10.21) 10.21
Giza May	(10.32) 10.32

LONDON COMMODITIES

London: March 15.

SEEDS

Castorseeds March April (£20 1/4 quoted) £20 1/8 quoted
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta March April (£18 1/4 quoted) £18 quoted
Linseed La Plata March April (£16 3/16 quoted) £16 3/16 quoted
Groundnuts Coromandal March April (£15 3/8 quoted) £15 3/8 quoted

JUTES.

Dundee March (£50) £50
Lightning March (£47) £47

RUBBER

Spot (11 11/16d paid and value) 11 1/16d paid and buyers
Forward May (11 9/16d paid and buyers) 11 1/8d paid and value

METALS

Tin (£252 1/2 buyers; £252 3/4 sellers Easy) £251 3/4 buyers; £252 1/4 sellers. Irregular
Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62
Lead Foreign Cash (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 6 (111 sh.) 111 sh.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York: March 15.

Previous closing	3.72 3/8
To-day's opening	3.70 3/4

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London: March 15.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS

London: March 15.

Previous closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's opening	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4

LONDON SILVER CABLE

London: March 15.

The following cable regarding London Silver Market was received here to-day:— Little Indian buying. Business small. Market steady.

LONDON SILVER

London: March 15.

Spot (20 11/16d)	20 15/16d +1/4
Forward (20 11/16d)	20 15/16d +1/4

LONDON GOLD

London: March 15.

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£8 8-0) £8 8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London: March 15.

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02.50 to 4.03.50 which is officially fixed rate

Franc was officially fixed at 175.50 to 176.75

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay	(1 6) 1 6
Paris on Bombay	(13 24 5/8) 13 24 5/8
New York on Bombay	(30.31) 30.30
London on Milan	(73.75) 73.00
London on Shanghai	(0-4 to 0-4 5/16) 0-4 to 0-4 5/16
London on Kobe	(1-2 15/16 to 1-3 1/32) 1-3 1/8 to 1-3 7/32

DISCOUNTS

3 months	(1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months	(1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent
6 months	(1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent

WHEAT AND SEEDS

Latest Night Quotations

Bombay: March 15.

Wheat May	4	2	3
Wheat September	4	4	6
Linseed May	7	0	3
Linseed September	7	7	0
Groundnuts May	39	2	0
Castorseeds May	49	10	0
Cottonseeds May	26	7	6

BOMBAY BULLION

Latest Night Quotations.

Bombay: March 15.

Silver Ready	57	12	0
Silver Fagan	57	14	0
Silver Chaitra	58	2	0
Gold Ready	42	12	0
Gold Fagan	42	13	0
Gold Chaitra	42	14	0
Sovereigns	27	10	0

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York: March 15.

The following are the opening quotations:—

General Motors (dol 54) dol 53 7/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 28 3/8) dol 28 5/8
U S Steel Commons (dol 57 1/2) dol 56 3/4
U S Steel Preference (unquoted) unquoted

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Steady Undertone

CALCUTTA: March 15.

Jutes were easier with limited amount of business passing. Coals revealed no fresh feature, the undertone, however, ruled quiet but steady. In Teas only a few isolated deals were reported. In Miscellaneous speculative issues have maintained a steady undertone throughout the day. Other industrials also kept fully firm. Government securities were steady.

The following were the closing quotations:

Securities: 3 per cent loan 1957/54 98/12 small lot; 3 1/2 per cent Govt paper 94/3; 3 1/2 per cent loan 1947/50 108 small lot; 4 per cent loan 1960/70 108 small lot; 4 1/2 per cent loan 1955/60 114/4 small lot.

Bank: Reserve Bank 126.

Coals: Burra Dhemo 4/11; Churulia 1/13; Dhemo Main 16/2; Jainty Central 2/6; Kalapahari 11/12; Kuardi 2/12; North Damuda 5/14; New Beerbhoom 16; Satpukuria and Asansol Re. 1; South Karanpura 5

Jutes: Adamjee ordy 22/12; Bally 241; Birla 22/1; Budge Budge 346; Cheviot 226 small lot; Ganges 314; Gondalpara 955 c div; Gourepore 690; Howrah 54/8; Hukumchand pref 82; Kamarhatty pref 137 small lot; Kinnison pref 157/8; Kelvin pref 157 c div; Naskarapara 16/4; National 23/9; New Central pref 151; Nuddea 60/8; Presidency 5/10; Reliance 59/4; Reliance pref 157; Union 438;

Minings: Burma Corporation 6/8; Consolidated Tin 4/6; Indian Copper 2/5; Rhodesia Copper 1/5.

Miscellaneous: Alkali and Chemical pref 128/8; Frank Ross 4; Benares Electric 13/2; Bareilly Electric 11/12 small lots; Bengal Telephone pref 12/12; Ahmadpur Katwa Railway 87/8; Kalighat Falta Rly 87/8 c t; Burn and Co ordy 355 small lot; Indian Galvanizing 30; Indian Malleable Casting ordy 7/8; Indian Iron and Steel 35/2; Kumardhubi Eng ord 4/11; Marshalls 2/2; Steel Corporation 19/15; Steel Corporation pref 103/12; Calcutta Ice 5/1; Dunlop Rubber ord 28/8; Dunlop Rubber 2nd pref 112; Indian Rubber Manfg 24/4; Indian Wood Products 26/8 c t; Industrial Investment Trust 43/8; Kalimpong Ropeway 9/8; British Burma Petroleum 4/12; Bengal Paper ord 120; India Paper Pulp 133; Orient Paper ord 7/8; Titaghur Paper 'A' and 'B' ordy 31; Titaghur Paper 1st pref 172 small lots; Midnapore Zemindary 74; Bengal Assam Steamship ord 251/8 small lot.

Sugar: Buland 16; Carew and Co ord 10/8 New Savan 7/12; Raza 15/8.

Tea shares: Duffla ghur 13 ex-div; Nam burnadi 5/12; Pahargoomiah 201/8; Pashok 12; Pussimbing ord 5/8; Pussimbing pref 106.

Debentures: 3 1/4 per cent 1966/76 Rangoon Municipal 99/12.—A. P.

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET

KARACHI: March 15.

To-day's closing quotations:—

Sind Cotton March 24/5/3; May 24/9/3; Punjab March 20/8; May 20/8/6; 4 F March 28/15/6; May 28/14/6. Sellers.

Wheat March 28/12/3; July 29/12/9. Dull.

Gram July 29/1.

Toria March 40/2; May 41/12; July 42/9.

Cottonseed March 22/3; May 22/12; July 23/3/6.

SHARP DECLINE IN INDIAN EXPORT TRADE

Plea To Allow Full Expansion Of Export Of Seeds

The following is a list of the statement issued by Mr. R. M. Gandhi, President of the Seeds Traders' Association.

The export trade of India has been greatly paralysed due to both the regulation of exports to British Empire and other neutral countries and the elimination of Germany, one of the principal importers of seeds. Since 1929 there has been a decline in prices of staple commodities and the war regulations of exports and the increased taxation has made the situation still worse thus rendering the plight of cultivation miserable.

It is therefore urged, in the interests of Indians and their trade that the authorities in India and in London should take immediate steps to mend matters and allow full expansion of Indian Export trade.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of meteorological observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 15-3-1940:—

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours +.011 inches

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 77.3 degrees.

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 69.9 degrees.

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 85.3 deg. (0.2 below normal)

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 73.9 deg. (3.0 above normal)

Relative Humidity at 8 a.m. 67 per cent.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. N-N-E

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 7 miles per hr.

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 200 miles.

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 23 miles per hour.

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. to 10) 0.

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 15/3/1940

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 79.6 deg. F. a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.13 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.93 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

3½ P.C. STERLING LOAN

London: March 15.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £95 1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

INDIAN LOANS

London: March 15.

3 per cent Indian Stock (£99) £99
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£95 1/2) £95 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950/55 (£113) £113 3/4
4 1/2 per cent 1958/69 (£115) £114 3/4
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948/53 (£108 1/2) £108
5 per cent Indian Stock 1942/47 (£107 1/8) £107 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1954/58 (£103 1/2) £103

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

6 per cent 1945/55 (£106 3/4) £106 1/2

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£73 1/4) £73 1/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£98) £98 1/8
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£101 3/4) £101 7/8
4 per cent Funding Loan (£112 1/8) £111 7/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£99) £99 1/8
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£109 1/2) £109 3/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (12-0) 12-0
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (51-6) 52-0
Hydro Electric (dol 3 1/8) dol 3 ex-div
Electric Music Industry (8-10 1/2) 8-10 1/2
Princhin Johnson (22-1 1/2) 22-1 1/2
Imperial Chemicals (32) 31-7 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary (65-4 1/2) 65-4 1/2
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1937 (£45 1/2) £48
Dunlop Rubber (33-6) 33-6
Unilever Ordinary (32-4 1/2) 32-4 1/2
Ford Motors (16-9) 16
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£61) £61
British America Tobacco Ordinary (101-3) 101-3
Carreas 'A' (£5 7/8) £5 7/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (121-3) 121-3
P and O Def (22-3) 22-3
Distillers (66) 66-6
Bredfords Dye (6-0) 6
British Celanese (8-3) 8-3
J and P Coates Ordinary (35-7 1/2) 36-6
Courtaulds Ordinary (36-3) 36-3
Fine Cotton Spinners (5-9) 5-9
Vickers Limited Ordinary (19-6) 19-6
Inter [illegible] 46 1/2
Indian Iron (52-6) 52-6

TEA SHARES

Assam (18-6) 18-6
Donaro Tea (32-6) 32-6
Empire of India (24-0) 24-0

JUTES

Barnagore (£9 1/4) 9 1/4

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (24-6) 24-0
Gula Kelampong (21-3) 21-3
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (33-6) 33-6

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (30-0) 30-0
Burma Corporation (9-6) 9-6
Rio Tintos (£14 1/4) £14 1/4
East Rand Properties (46-3) 45-7 1/2
Rand Mines (£7 3/8) £7 3/8

MINE SHARES

Crown (£13 5/8) £13 3/4
Associated Portland Cement (51-3) 51-7 1/2
Trinidad Leaseholds (73-9) 73-9
Sub Nigel (£9 1/2) £9 1/2
Spring Mines Split Shares (26 10 1/2) 27-6
Union Corporation (£7 1/8) £7 1/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (26-3) 26-3
Anglo India (53-6) 53-9
Burma Oil (70) 70-7 1/2
Mexican Eagle (6-7 1/2) 6-7 1/2
Shell Transport (78-9) 79-4-1/2
Royal Dutch (£33) £33

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£48) £48
London Midland Ordinary (£22 1/4) £22 1/4
London North Eastern Def (£3 3/8) £3 3/8
London Southern Def (£21 1/8) £21 1/8
London Transport 5 per cent (£118) £117 1/2
London Transport 'C' (£44) £44

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED

Bombay: March 15.

Lionel Edward's Norwegian s s Tricolor of 4208 reg tons Capt T Pedersen arrived from Oslo with general cargo

B S N Coy's Estonia s s Kalarand of 959 reg tons Capt J Heyman arrived from Bhavnagar with general cargo

SAILED

B S N Coy's Estonia s s Kalarand of 959 reg tons Capt J Heyman sailed for Marmagoa with general cargo

LOADING

The following vessel is booked for loading on 15-3-1940:—

American s s President Monroe

IMPORTS

Bombay: March 15.

2504 bags betelnuts; 465 cases beef drippings; 148 bls yellow straw boards; 176 c/s sheet glass; 100 c/s canned pink salmon; 483 pkgs glass bottles; 116 bls straw boards; 333 c/s glassware; 484 c/s porcelainware; 1251 c/s cotton yarn; 2214 bags tiles; 68 crates sanitary ware; 1037 c/s cotton pce goods; 1061 c/s art silk yarn; 1335 bls staple fibre yarn; 638 c/s chemicals; 40 c/s enamelled wares; 180 casks tallow; 200 pkgs green tea, 34 c/s porcelain insulators; 75 pkgs iron gas pipes; 33 c/s umbrella goods; 41 c/s bicycle parts; 1272 pkgs Manila rope; 151 c/s clocks, 150 coils galvd steel wire; 45 bls worsted weaving yarn; 282 c/s glass bangles; 105 pkgs glue; 1787 c/s rayon yarn; 83 c/s printed cotton jeans; 58 c/s cell bangles; 488 c/s window glass; 100 c/s soap; 919 bdls iron hoops; 200 crates galvd plain iron sheets; 144 crates ply chest wood; 45 c/s rayon goods; 573 c/s rayon piecegoods; 750 bdls flat bars; 417 bls auto tyres; 66 c/s ground glass; 145 drums dyestuff; 145 c/s copper wire; 70 bags stone powder; 25 c/s bobbin; 143 barrels galvd M I pipe fittings; 32 cases woollen piecegoods; 51 cases rayon and cotton mixed piecegoods; 56 c/s cotton goods; 50 c/s Ichtyol; 100 c/s spun silk yarn; 180 cases rubber balls; 180 c/s weaving machinery and accessories; 85 c/s cotton and art silk mixed piecegoods; 25 c/s silk piecegoods 29 bls cotton fents; 57 cases art silk piecegoods; 538 bags empty glass bottles; 161 bls auto tyres; 150 cases Napthaline balls; 750 c/s pineapples; 737 bdls rattans.

EXPORTS

Bombay: March 15.

17 bales cow tail hair D Abraham and Sons; 150 bls wool raw Vasanji and Co; 19 bls wool raw The Bombay Co Ltd; 2462 bgs linseed M Bhuta and Co; 400 bls raw cotton K M Nathoo; 250 bls raw cotton M M Shah; 200 bls raw cotton C Jethabhai and Co; 105 bls wool raw The Eastern Wool Trading Co; 78 drums castor oil F F Campbell and Co Ltd; 2600 bags groundnut seed The Cotton Agents Ltd; 75 bls cotton twist waste Barot Bros; 75 bls cotton rags The Overseas Cotton Waste Co; 100 bls cotton waste P D Vora and Co; 50 bls woollen carpets G D Daya and Co; 50 bls cotton grey yarn Manekji and Co; 13 bls white cotton drill K Virji and Co; 52 bls cotton grey yarn A El Ejel; 62 bls cotton grey yarn R Shantilal and Co; 24 bags gall nuts H Rawjee; 1392 bags castor seed The Oil Seeds Trading Co Ltd; 9336 bags groundnut kernals S M Rajgor and Co; 330 drums magnesium chloride P Magnesia Works Ltd; 21 bags kamala powder Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 51 bls cotton yarn K Gordhandas and Co; 60 bls wool raw H A Mohomed and Sons; 200 bls raw cotton K Vishram and Sons; 200 bls raw cotton Manaraj and Co; 500 bls raw cotton Japan Cotton Trading Co Ltd; 1800 bls raw cotton T M Kaisha Ltd.

No Amendment Of Patna Decision

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the meeting later in the afternoon.

UNEXCITING SESSION

The Committee reviewed the situation since its Patna meeting and discussed the programme for the Congress session. No resolution is likely to be passed to-day.

A prominent member remarked to the waiting journalists: "This will be a very unexciting Congress." This sums up the position as there is only one outstanding political resolution for the Session.

One And Only Resolution

The Congress Working Committee considered for five hours thirty and odd non-official resolutions given notice of by private members. After discussion it was agreed that there should be only one resolution for this Congress session in view of the critical political situation and that members who had given notice of private resolutions should be requested to withdraw their resolutions or not move them. If, however, members insisted upon moving them they should be given permission to move them after the Working Committee had explained its view point emphasising the need not to have any other resolution for this session of the Congress.

PRIVATE RESOLUTIONS

It is gathered that out of the 31 resolutions given notice of, nearly half will be out of order while a few will be duplicated and actually there will be only half a dozen left over.

It is expected that the President will make a statement before the All-India Congress Committee emphasising the need to concentrate the whole attention of the plenary session on the main resolution on the political situation and not to have any other.

The Committee also considered if there was a need for any other official resolution, particularly regarding recent arrests.

Mahatma Gandhi was present for three hours and the Committee took advantage of his advice on the question of non-official resolutions. The Committee decided, after a prolonged discussion, that there was no need for any other official resolution.

The Committee meets again at 8-30 tomorrow morning.—A.P.

PLENARY SESSION ON TUESDAY

The All India Congress Committee will meet at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, and will continue its session until March 19 on which day the open session of the Congress will commence at 4 p. m. with a presidential procession.

According to present plans the plenary session is not expected to last more than two days, although provision has been made for a three-day session.

NO BLACK-OUT IN CONGRESS NAGAR

MAZHARPURI (Ramgarh), March 15.

There are no black-out regulation in the "Congress Nagar" which now presents the appearance of a fairyland by night when viewed from the adjoining hilltops. The main roads are brilliantly lighted while electricity reaches every corner of the "Nagar" which is now gradually filling up.

Following this morning's rush in connection with the presidential procession, there was a small but steady stream of visitors throughout the day, most of them being aboriginal inhabitants of the wooded country around.

Over 300 delegates, of whom fifty are women, have arrived, while more are expected in the course of to-morrow.—A. P.

Quami Seva Dal Volunteers For Ramgarh

LUCKNOW, March 15.

One hundred Congress volunteers of the provincial Quami Seva Dal are being sent to Ramgarh for rendering any service desired by the Reception Committee of the Ramgarh Congress —United Press.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

MADRAS: March 15.

Business in the local market was fairly active. Government securities and Banks remained firm while Textiles and Plantings were steady. Amongst Miscellaneous issues Engineerings were fairly steady.

EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS

Central Bank 35/15; Indian Bank 108 x-d; small lots 26/12; Reserve Bank 108/8, 109, 109/4; Buckinghams 214 x-d; April 212, 212/8 213, 214; Vasantas 95; Cembras 3/1; Travancore Rubbers 6/12 s l; Cochin Malabar 5/2; Trichy Srirangams 15/14; Mysore Sugars 42/14, 43/4; Mysore Paper 13/5, 13/8; Mysore Chemicals 11/14; A V Thomas 10/2; Indian Steel Rolling 6/12.

B. C. ROY NOT TO ATTEND SESSION

RAMGARH, March 15.

Dr. B. C. Roy, Member of the Congress Working Committee, has telegraphed Maulana Abul Kalam Azad regretting his inability to attend the Ramgarh Congress.—A. P.

ANTI-COMPROMISE CONFERENCE

RAMGARH, March 15.

Arrangements are nearing completion for holding the All-India Anti-Compromise Conference under the presidentship of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, commencing on March 19 side by side with the Congress Session. The site of the Conference is about a mile away from Mazaharpuri towards the Ramgarh town railway station on the B. N. Railway.

The Anti-Compromise Conference Camp will have seven gates named after the departed leaders and incidents in the Indian history.

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose will pay a brief visit to Ramgarh tomorrow after which he will make a tour of Hazaribagh District. Swami Sahajanand Saraswati is Chairman of the Reception Committee of the conference.

A separate volunteer corps has been organised for the conference.—A. P.

DELHI A. I. C. C. MEMBERS

NEW DELHI, March 15.

Negotiations between various groups of Congressmen in the Delhi Provincial Congress regarding election of delegates to the Ramgarh Session and also members of the A. I. C. C. have resulted in an agreement. Members of the A. I. C. C. are as follows:—Maulana Nooruddin Behari, Lala Shankerlal, Mr. Asaf Ali and Mr. Bahal Singh.

The delegates to the session number 15.—A. P.

GREETINGS FROM JAPAN

MAZAHARPURI, March 15.

Mr. Rashbehari Bose of the Indian Association, Tokyo, has sent a message to the Congress Reception Committee wishing the Congress success.—United Press Special.

CEYLON DELEGATES FLY TO RAMGARH

COLOMBO, March 15.

Three Ceylon National Congress Delegates Messrs J. R. Jayewardene, Jamaratunga and P. D. S. Jayasekera left for India to attend the Ramgarh Congress, the first two by Air.—A. P.

INTERMEDIATE CENTRE FOR BHAVNAGAR

(From Our Correspondent).

BHAVNAGAR, (By Mail).

After three years of continuous struggle, Bhavnagar has been made the centre for Intermediate Science Examination, both for theory as well as practical, on condition that there should be eighty students for the practical examination. On hearing this the Samaldas College authorities requested the Principals of the two other Colleges in Kathiawar to send their students to Bhavnagar, but there was no good response from the students of other Colleges. When the news reached to local students, they were disappointed and requested the Principal to apply to the Vice-Chancellor to grant the practical centre as an exceptional case. However, the request has not been granted and therefore, the students will have to go to Gujarat College for their practicals, after finishing theoretical examination.

GARDEN PARTY

Rao Saheb Mahashankar Chhaganlal Raval, the Manager of Bhavnagar Darbar Bank, who retired after a long and faithful service of about twenty-one years, was entertained to a garden party by Mr. Anantrai Pattani, the Dewan of Bhavnagar, the party was attended by a large gathering. Before taking up the service as a Bank Manager, Mr. Raval worked in Government Postal department and retired as the Post Master of Bhavnagar city.

BHAVNAGAR WEATHER

Unusual monsoonish weather prevails in Bhavnagar and major parts of Kathiawar since last four days and on Saturday the City received good drizzle.

BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Falgun Sud 7, 1996
Muslim: Safar 6, 1359
Parsi: Meher 13, 1309
Hightide: 3-34; 16-48
Lowtide: 9-55; 22-28
Sunrise: 6h. 48m.
Sunset: 6h. 49m.

Domestic Occurrence

DEATH

MEHERBANOO, SISTER OF R. E. M. Patel of Patel and Ramdutt, expired on Friday. Funeral takes place to-day (Saturday), at 8 a.m. (S.T.) Doongarwadi, Bennet Bangli, Bombay.

DEATH OF MR. B. V. W. AGASKER

Death has occurred at the age of 75 of Mr. Bhalchandra V. Wassoodev Agaskar, a well-known Pathare Prabhu citizen of Bombay.

NAGPADA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Debate on "Mahatma Gandhi is a Misfit in the Congress" at 10 a.m. to-morrow (Sunday)

NO A. R. P. SIGNALS

There will be no routine tests of the A. R. P. telephone and siren alarm signals in Bombay on Monday next, March 18.

MATHEMATICAL COLLOQUIUM

The annual social will be held at the Royal Institute of Science at 4-30 p.m. to-day (Saturday).

BOMBAY TENANTS' ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the Managing Board of the Association will be held to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) in the 'D' Ward office, Soman Building, Kelewadi, Girgaum Road, Bombay.

GUJARATI HINDU MANDAL, PAREL

A public lecture on Karma-Yoga will be delivered by Swami Ananda Chaitanya of Ramakrishna Ashram, Khar, under the auspices of Shree Gujarati Hindu Mitra Mandal, Parel, to-day (Saturday) at 8-30 p.m.

SCHOOL OF INDIAN MUSIC

Pt. Yeshwantrao Mirashibua of Poona will sing in the weekly concert of the School to be held to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. at the School Hall, 257, Vithalbhai Patel Rd., opp. Prarthana Samaj, Bombay 4.

MEETING OF BOMBAY TAILORS

Under the auspices of National Tailoring Workers' Union, Bombay, a public meeting of Bombay tailors will be held at Chowpatty, to-day (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m to support the demand for war allowance.

B. P. WOMEN GRADUATES' UNION

The 24th annual general meeting will be held to-day (Saturday) at 4.45 p.m. at the Seva Sadan. There will be musical entertainment followed by an "At Home" by the Committee.

INDIAN CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD

Monthly social and devotional meeting of the above institute will be held to-day (Saturday at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Wanmali Hall, opp. Chhabildas High School, near Tilak Bridge, Dadar, B.B. and C.I. Rly. The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bombay will address the meeting and give away the birthday presents. The President will speak on the Evangelistic Campaign undertaken by the Brotherhood.

Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—"Lambeth Walk" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Day-Time Wife" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"The Secret of Dr. Kildare" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"The Mighty Chang" Daily at 6-30 and 10 p.m. Sunday 3-30 and 6-30 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"The Flying Deuces" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Raigadh" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Beau Geste" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
ROXY—"Kangan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
WEST END—"The Will" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
MINERVA—"Pukar" Daily at 3-45, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Jawani-ki-Reet" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Kum-Kum" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Holi" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Gorakhnath" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
PLAZA—"My Beloved" Time as usual.

Dance In Aid Of Red Cross Fund

The newly-formed organisation, the Florence Nightingale Club for ladies, has organised a Tea Dance in aid of the Bombay Presidency Red Cross Fund, to be held at the Taj Mahal Hotel on Sunday, March 17, at 6-30 p.m. under the patronage of Sir Ardeshir Dalal. Tickets are for Rs. 1/2 for dance and cabaret only and Rs. 3 for those desiring special reservations and refreshments. There will be prizes for Card and Spot Dances.

RATIONALIST ASSOCIATION

The 10th annual general meeting of the Rationalist Association of India will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at the Radio Club, Bombay at 7-30 p.m. A dinner will be given at 8-30 p.m. Chairman: Dr. C. L. D'Aroive, M.D. Principal speaker: Dr. R. P. Paranjpye.

BOHRA YOUTH LEAGUE

A public debate will be held under the auspices of the above League at 9-30 p.m. (S.T.) to-day (Saturday) at the League's Hall (Abdul Rehman Street), on "The theory of two nations in India is a political Scandal." Mr. Hatimali Kaderbhoy will propose and Mr. A. G. Moiyadi will oppose.

INDIAN MERCHANTS' CONDOLENCE

Mr. Chunilal B. Mehta, President, Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, condemns the London outrage, stating that the Indian commercial community have learnt with deep regret and sorrow of the very tragic occurrence in London and that such outrages are not only useless but positively harmful in a nation's onward progress.

HINDI BHASHI UDYOG SANGH

Under the auspices of the Hindi Bhashi Udyog Sangh a big meeting will be held at Madhavbaug to-day (Saturday) at 4 p.m. After making annual election of the Sangh a resolution for stoppage of powdered milk will be passed therein. This meeting has been convened by an appeal signed by 75 merchants.

BAHA'I ASSEMBLY

A public meeting of the Truth Seekers will be held in the Baha'i Hall, Bori Bunder, Bombay, to-day (Saturday) at 7 p.m. when Dr. K. M. Irani will preside and a debate will take place on "Resurrection is nothing but the coming of a manifestation of God."

"F" WARD CONGRESS

The meeting of the Scrutinising Committee of the 'F' Ward District Congress Committee's Council of Management's election will be held at the office of the 'F' Ward District Congress Committee, Wahidana Mansions, Pelbavdi, Parel, Bombay 12, at 9 p.m. to-day (Saturday)

An ordinary meeting of the Council of Management of the 'F' Ward District Congress Committee will be held to-day (Saturday) at 8 p.m. (S.T.) at the offices of the Committee, Wahidana Mansion, Parel, Polbavdi, Bombay 12.

GOA GOVT. WON'T GIVE PERMISSION

Silver Jubilee Of Literary Association

The Jt. Hon. Secretary, G.C.C. (B.B.) writes:—

From advices from Goa Congress Committee, Goa, to the Secretary, Goa C. C. (Bombay Branch), Bombay, it is learnt that the Government of Portuguese India have refused permission to a literary institution, the oldest of its kind in Panjim, to hold its Silver Jubilee celebrations under the presidentship of the Hon. Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Bombay. It is learnt that the reason for this refusal is the fact that the Hon. Mr. Mavlankar is a Congressman.

Even the invitation cards sent by the Institution are confiscated by the Postal authorities.

RAMKRISHNA ANNIVERSARY

Following is the programme for the 105th birthday anniversary of Sri Ramakrishna:—To-day (Saturday) at Ramakrishna Ashram, Khar, 5 p.m. Variety entertainments by Syt. Pinakin Trivedi of Satya Sangit Samaj and speeches on life and teachings of Sri Ramakrishna in Hindi.

To-morrow (Sunday) 7 to 9 a.m. Usha Kirtan; 9 to 11 a.m. Poojah and Bhajan (Marathi and Gujarati); 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feeding of the poor (Daridra Narayanas); 3 to 5 p.m. Flute solo by R. N. Shirali; Jaltarang by Rajaram Manjrekar; Dilrup Prof. Prahlad Ganu; Vocal music by Kumari Kamala Shirali, Kumari Sunanda Batanagadi, Kumari Nalini Haladi, Srimati Tarabai Dangle and Mrs. Rane; imitation of Tukaram by devotional songs by Master Sridhar Kamath; dramas in English (trial scene by Bengali children) and in Bengali (Sri Krishna) by the students of Bengali Vernacular School at Kalbadevi and chorus devotional songs. 5 to 7 p.m. Devotional songs. Speeches by Hon. Mr. M. M. Pakvasa, President, Legislative Council; Shantilal H. Shah, M.L.A., Prof. N. K. Bhagwat and Mavji Govindji Seth.

CITY'S HEALTH RETURNS

The health returns of Bombay during the 10th week of 1940, i.e. the week ended 9th March 1940 were as under:—

The total mortality 576 was 22 less than in the last week and the death rate registered was 25.7 on the Census population of 1931 as against 568 for the 10th week of 1939 and the death rate 25.5. The average mortality for the corresponding weeks during the preceding quinquennium was 641 and the death rate 28.7. Out of the total deaths 129 were among infants under one year of age.

During the week smallpox caused 46 attacks (including 7 imported—two from Goa, 2 from Kathiawar and one each from Ahmedabad, Ravalpindi and Azamgadh) and 17 deaths.

15TH BENE-ISRAEL CONFERENCE

The 15th session of the Bene-Israel Conference will be held at the Hume High School, Byculla, on the 23rd, 24th and 25th inst. commencing at 9-30 p.m. (S.T.) on the 23rd inst. Mr. Joseph N. Reuben has been elected as President. Mr. J. E. Solomon, Retd. Additional Sessions Judge, C. P., is Chairman of the Reception Committee.

Correspondence should be addressed to Mr. Shalome Benjamin, Hon. Secretary, Reception Committee, 156-162, Dongri St., Bombay No. 9.

BOMBAY GOVERNOR'S CONDOLENCE

H. E. the Governor of Bombay has sent the following telegram to Lord Lamington:

"Bombay is shocked at the outrage and grieved that a former Governor of the Presidency has been injured and wishes you a speedy recovery."

SUMMER SCHOOL OF POLITICS AT RATNAGIRI

Prominent Congressmen and social workers are organising a Summer School of Politics in Ratnagiri District for social workers and students in Ratnagiri District and Sawantwadi State. The classes are to be conducted at Malwan and Chiplun.

SOUTH INDIAN ASSOCIATION BOMBAY

The final "Kolattam" (Garba Dance) celebration with demonstration by the girls of the South Indian Association, Bombay, will take place at the Asthika Samaj Hall, tomorrow (Sunday) at 5-30 p.m. About 60 girls divided into 8 groups will participate in the Kolattam and dance demonstrations of various types.

RADICALS' MEETING

Under the auspices of the Bombay League of Radical Congressmen a public meeting will be held to-day (Saturday) at 6 p.m. at Girgaum Chaupatty, to support the Bombay Textile Strike and to protest against the arrest of Messrs. Jayprakash Narain, Dange and others. Mr. Karnik, Dr. Shetty, Mrs. Maniben Mulji and others will address the meeting.

G. S. ARUNDALE'S LECTURES

At Blavatsky Lodge French Bridge, today (Saturday) at 6 p.m. by Dr. G. S. Arundale on "National Education."

To-morrow (Sunday): The Diamond Jubilee of the Blavatsky Lodge, at 6 p.m. and public lecture by Dr. G. S. Arundale.

Monday (18th inst.) 6-30 p.m. public lecture by Shrimati Rukmani Devi on "India's Culture and Her Future."

LECTURE ON VEDANTA PHILOSOPHY

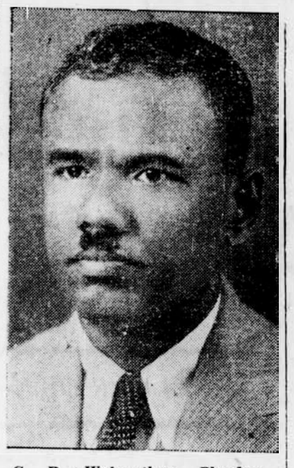
Swami Sambuddhananda of the Ramakrishna Mission, Khar, will deliver a public lecture on Vedanta Philosophy at Batliboi's Accountancy Institute, Prescott Rd., Fort, to-day (Saturday), at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.)

MOGAVEERA E. N. HIGH SCHOOL

The annual athletic sports of the above school will be held at the W.I.F.A. ground, Cooperage, to-morrow (Sunday) at 7-30 a.m. (S. T.)

OPENING CEREMONY OF AYURVEDIC HOSPITAL

The opening ceremony of the Dhoota Papeshwar Ayurvedic Hospital at Panvel, will take place to-morrow (Sunday) at 5 P.M. (S.T.) Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Ex-Minister will perform the ceremony.



G. B. Walavalkar, Pleader, has been elected President of Thana Municipality in the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. M. V. Hegde.

PROTEST AGAINST PROPERTY TAX

Appeal To Bombay Govt. To Repeal "Iniquitous Impost

A largely attended meeting of the public of Bombay was held at the Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Hall, on Friday evening to protest against the Property Tax.

The meeting was convened under the auspices of the Property Owners' Association and the Extra Property Tax Protest Fund Committee. Sir Govindrao Pradhan presided.

"CRIES IN WILDERNESS"

Addressing the gathering on the main resolution Sir Govindrao Pradhan remarked that several meetings had been organised before the present one to protest against the Property Tax; but they had all proved to be mere cries in the wilderness.

Circumstances, however, had changed now, along with the change-over of the administration.

The moment was therefore opportune to demand justice from the present Government whose sanity was unbiased.

Among the others who spoke were Sir Carrimbhoy Ibrahim, Mr. Fatehmohamed Khandwani, Mr. N. C. Bharucha and Rao Bahadur S. K. Bole.

The following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"This public meeting of the citizens of Bombay and Suburbs in reiterating the protests against the Urban Immovable Property Tax recorded at previous public meetings convened for the purpose, expresses its unequivocal condemnation of the Tax and declares that the grave apprehensions entertained at the inception of the Urban Immovable Property Tax have now been fully realised, in that (1) the said Tax has caused a considerable depreciation in the capital value of immovable property in the City, and placed small mortgaged properties beyond hopes of redemption, (2) paralysed building activity thereby causing wide-spread unemployment in the building trade and a slump in the allied industries, and (3) unnecessarily penalised charitable institutions and Wakf properties, diminishing the amount available for relief of distress or for distribution for charitable purposes. The said Tax also seriously trenched upon the most important source of Municipal revenue and effectively circumscribed its scope of civic welfare and disturbed its finances. The Tax has struck a blow at the economic revival which was just perceptible after a protracted economic depression, without successfully achieving the purpose for which it was imposed and has aggravated the financial troubles of the Property Owners who on account of the present war, are already penalised by the extra-ordinary rise in the price of building materials and up-keep expenses.

This public meeting therefore earnestly appeals to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, in the fuller economic interests of the City, to repeal the Tax which has been so widely characterised as unjust in principle, iniquitous in its incidence and oppressive in its effect on the economic recovery of the City."

MAYOR'S NO TO MOVE TO BAN PRESS

MADRAS, March 15.

It is understood that the Mayor has disallowed a requisition to convene a special meeting of the Corporation to consider the question of excluding the Press from the meetings of the City Council

MUNICIPALISATION OF MARKETS

Government of Madras have ordered the disbursement to the Corporation of Madras of a sum of Rs. 50,000 the amount actually required for the municipalisation of markets in the city, out of a loan of Rs. 3,00,000 sanctioned for the purpose.—A. P.

Acharior Pleads For

PARTNERSHIP IN BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

"Absolute Independence Injurious To India"

SEES NO NECESSITY FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY: ADVOCATES ABSORPTION OF "INNUMERABLE SMALL STATES"

SALEM, Mar. 15.

Mr. C. Vijayaraghavachariar, a former President of the Indian National Congress, has sent the following message to Ramgarh Congress to-day:—

"England is here not as conqueror but on invitation by the people and is here with their continued help. Remember the beginning at the Siege of Arcot where Indians sacrificed their food in favour of their European comrades. No right of imperialism exists.

There is increasing willingness in England to treat India as part of the British Commonwealth on equality no matter what name is given.

Our immediate goal, therefore, is for such relationship. Absolute breaking off from Britain injurious to both, more to India. Goal of absolute independence could be postponed as remote. Mr. Achariar, too ill to attend this session, on bended knees appeals to the Congress for harmony and unity".—A. P.

LETTER TO PRESIDENT

"I am prayerfully of opinion that it is injurious both to India and to England to ask for absolute independence and it would even be dangerous to our country", says Mr. C. Vijayaraghavachariar (ex-President of the Congress) in a letter to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad to be read at the Ramgarh Congress.

The letter reads:—

"I join in the universal rejoicing that you have been elected President of this session of the Congress, at this crisis in our national life.

TRY TO UNITE CONGRESS

"I am sure that you will first of all try to unite our national Congress. This is much more important than resolutions. You know there are various views about what our unhappy country wants now. Always remember your famous double formula. I cannot at any time think of you without at the same time remembering the formula, truly original and so suitable to the conditions of India.

"I hope that no allusion would be made to the outrage at Calcutta. It must have been a mad man's act, rather than a wicked man's act. Our Mahatmaji would not in the least be hurt or aggrieved by such an act.

"I am prayerfully of opinion that it is injurious both to India and to England to ask for absolute independence and it would even be dangerous to our country. If at all, we may have a double goal, the present and most immediate one being partnership in the British Commonwealth of Nations, but only as an equal partner, no matter what the name is. The second goal, if at all, is remote and we need not think of it for a long time to come.

WHY CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY?

"I see no necessity for the Constituent Assembly for us. If at all, it may perhaps be necessary after we shall have secured our political equality in the British Commonwealth. The proposed Constituent Assembly would by no means be unanimous and its failure would be fraught with danger and England would take advantage of it for postponing our goal.

"I do not think we need trouble ourselves much about the Indian States. Only the innumerable small States, unable to maintain a school or a Magistrate should be absorbed at once either in British India or the neighbouring Indian States.

"I won't trouble you any further and we need not bother ourselves about the strange and extraordinarily novel conduct of Janab M. A. Jinnah."—A. P.

Attempt To Censure Governor?

Ceylon Ministerial Motion Lapses Evoking Minority Reaction

COLOMBO, March 15.

The debate over Sir Baron Jayatilaka's Non-Co-operation motion reached the sixth day in the Council of State to-day and the position 'vis-a-vis' constitutional issue is in no way clear.

The ministerial attempt to withdraw the resolution (which has now assumed the form only of a motion of censure on the Governor) has failed and a Minister moved the House to adjourn—so the motion lapses—evoking strong minority reaction.

This was expressed in such charges as attempt to impose the view of the majority over the House, that ex-Ministers had been indulging in mock heroics and that the motion should be voted on so as to prevent gigantic political fraud.—A. P.

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FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's letter to the Editor of the "Amrit Bazar Patrika" regretting the various disabilities of the Press in Bengal deserves serious consideration by all those who value the liberty of the press. The tendency of the Bengal Government to muzzle the local nationalist press was glaringly revealed a few days ago by its order asking the "Hindustan Standard" to submit all editorial matter for censorship before publication. As was to be expected, the paper has stopped publishing any editorial comments rather than submit to the humiliation sought to be imposed upon it by the Government. That Government is also trying to suppress spirited nationalist papers by asking securities from them, a recent case being the repeated demands of securities from the "Rozname Hind," a nationalist Urdu daily of Calcutta. One of the offences of this paper is said to be the publication by it of a bulletin issued by the U. P. Provincial Congress Committee. As Pandit Jawaharlal points out, this Committee is not in the habit of issuing any irresponsible bulletins and in regard to the communal problem in particular, it has always maintained a high level of dignity and moderation. Attempts have often been made in the past to muzzle the press and have failed disastrously in the long run. They have only tended to drive agitation underground and sometimes to give it a sinister shape. The Bengal Government in particular should have known better than to repeat those attempts in the present state of things.

Need For Vigilance

The most important point made out by Pandit Jawaharlal in his letter is the need for concerted action even when the smallest journal is attacked, if only because it is often the weakest that sorely needs public help. The worst of it is that the habit of interfering with the freedom of the press "grows with use, and gradually the public mind grows accustomed to the misuse of its powers by Government." Pandit Jawaharlal, therefore, rightly urges that the Journalists' Association as well as newspapers should take concerted steps to see that the cases of the less known papers do not go by default. And he gives a timely warning to the papers and their representative institutions in the following words: "If they are at all anxious to retain the liberty of the press, they must be vigilant guardians of this liberty and must resist every encroachment from wherever it might come. This is not a matter of political views or opinions. The moment we acquiesce in an attack on a newspaper with which we happen to disagree, we have surrendered in principle, and when the attack comes on us we have no power left to resist it. The press in India needs to be more vigilant and self-assertive in vindicating its rights.

A Double Menace

It is most unfortunate that some nationalist papers in Bengal have now to fight a double menace, one from the Government and the other from hostile party caucuses. The Executive of the former Bengal Provincial Congress Committee has gone so far as to pass a resolution recommending boycott of the "Jugantar," a vernacular paper of Calcutta for alleged anti-nationalist propaganda. We do not know the policy of this paper but we agree with Pandit Jawaharlal that the press should be left free by political parties as well as Government to express its opinions so long as it does so decently and without inciting communal hatred and violence. We are glad to note that the new Bengal Provincial Congress Committee has rescinded the resolution of its predecessor and has denounced the fascist tendency which was responsible for it. While there are obligations upon Government and other bodies that possess power over the press, the press too has its own obligations. As Pandit Jawaharlal pertinently remarks, "we have all to be on our guard to prevent freedom from degenerating into licence and irresponsibility and indiscipline." The more the papers observe this obligation the more will they be able to carry the public opinion of the country with them, and the harder will it be for any responsible Government to suppress them.

Unsuccesful Mission

Mr. Sumner Welles is on his way back to America. He visited the capitals of the four Big Powers—Moscow was excluded rather ostentatiously from the tour—and had talks with their statesmen. But while he has kept his own counsel and will report the facts he has found, it is possible to infer from recent pronouncements by the parties concerned what he is taking with him. Unless statesmen and semi-official publicists are bluffing, Mr. Sumner Welles has been told that Britain and France will fight to the bitter end to free Europe from Hitler and Hitlerism, that Germany will similarly fight to the bitter end to secure a triumph for Hitler and Hitlerism and that Italy will work to the bitter end to secure her own "legitimate interests" in Europe. In other words, apart from the obvious and natural agreement on the theoretical fact that Europe needs security, there is complete deadlock as to the practical solution of the problem. It seems—unless, we must emphasize again, statesmen and publicists are bluffing—Mr. Sumner Welles' ultimate mission which was to re-establish peace in Europe and, probably also, to isolate Russia, has failed.

What next? Obviously the war must go on and with growing intensity. The Russo-Finnish treaty has considerably encouraged and heartened Herr Hitler, who, it is suggested, will now devote his triumphant attention more actively and resolutely to the West. What is more disturbing for the Allies is that Italy has started giving them hints after hint of her pro-German policy and is also increasing the tempo and extent of her war preparations. There is on top of it all, the highly important report from New York in regard to developments between Rumania, Russia and Germany. If this report is correct and if Rumania goes over to the side of Germany, the international situation will veritably change. Dangers in the Mediterranean and the South East will have one advantage of making the Allies desist from picking any quarrel with Russia deliberately. But if the South-East goes over to the Nazis, the accession to their strength will, indeed, be tremendous.

Our European Letter

'Altmark' Affair And After

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, March 1.

The Altmark affair, as the rescuing by the "Cossack" an unit of the British Navy of the prisoners of British citizenship numbering about three hundred while being conveyed by a German boat in the Norwegian waters in dramatic manner and circumstances is widely described, has caused a strong reaction. A keen attention that has been raised by it, remains. This, over and apart considerations of a juridical character, on account of wider implications associated with it in centres particularly concerned. Comments of important German papers, behind and beyond a parade of indignation over an asserted or alleged violation of international rights, reveal an apprehension of an extension of care by Britain to increase the vigilance of the blockade in a region of much significance. This region, which may be termed, Scandinavian region, is of special significance not only on account of the supply of iron ore of Sweden of immense importance to German military needs, but also a close co-operation seen as having developed in the period between Germany and the Soviet Union. A principal route for the transport of Swedish iron ore to Germany is by water from the Norwegian port of Navarik. Communications between Russia and Germany from the north German ports to Murmansk, could also be greatly facilitated by employment of Norwegian coastal waters. An extension of understanding between Germany and Russia involves the possibility of supplies assuming more a military character and value. This has contributed naturally to a greater British alertness to the region and with it also to added concern over a weakness in the maintenance of control attributed to Norway brought to a prominence in regard to the Altmark affair. The leading Swiss daily "Neue Zurcher Zeitung" puts the position fairly clearly, when after referring, in relation with a German display of anger at a stated violation of international rights over the Altmark incident, to a lack of hesitancy often definitely shown by Germany to disregard such rights in directions and matters when it suited her purpose, adds: "It is understandable that Germany should be indignant with the action of the British Fleet, but the passionate accusations that Germany brings against the British Navy can only be considered in the light of the methods she applies to sea war herself. In this respect, Norwegian territorial waters have been highly advantageous to the German Naval Command." According to the "Stefani News Agency" of Rome the Altmark affair suggests the course of a sharpening of strain in north European region. The official Italian news service states of rise of firmness in the attitude of Britain. French papers this week have reports indicating keener efforts being made by Berlin to sustain understanding with Italy along with Germany's new accord with Russia. Hitler's last speech in Munich also reflected this trend. Meanwhile, Italy is seen as keeping up close care to strengthen her armaments. The budget of the Italian Air Ministry for 1940/41 published last week shows a figure of 3286.6 million Lires, that is, 1096.6 million more that of 1939-40. The extension of Russian operations against Finland and keener estimates of development of closer co-operation between Russia and Germany, naturally tend to extend a care for northern Europe where Germany has been exerting hard to increase propaganda and pressure. A concern about Holland remains. A report from Stockholm states that various foreign legations in the town have newly been attending to measures for seeing to the security of their citizens. The Swedish parliament has just brought a measure calling for an extra grant of 95 million Krons for the creation of four new air squadrons.

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Besides various general factors that have been leading to strengthening of estimates of growth of closeness in German-Russian co-operation, the recently concluded Russo-German Economic Agreement has considerably served to support estimates of the nature. The agreement foresees German-Russian trade, the total of which had fallen to 74.7 million Marks in 1938 being brought up to 1169.9 million Marks. Whether this level implying an increase by sixteen times in one year can be reached or not, a drawn course does indicate a care to understanding of a firmer nature. It is interesting to note that according to the generally well-informed Berlin correspondent of the "Neue Zurcher Zeitung" during the period of negotiations of the economic agreement no less than 130 German industrial or economic specialists visited Moscow. About the same time round 90 Russian experts visited Germany and were shown over various industrial establishments. The text of the Russo-German Economic Agreement runs into 160 pages. Simultaneously with reckonings of an accentuation of developments in north European region, there are also reflections in different circles and centres of events in the Near East coming to gain added importance. This fact, which as well is given an emphasis by the trend viewed in the direction of extension of co-operation between Russia and Germany, is stressed this week in a note of the Italian daily "Popolo de Roma" that is quoted by the leading Paris daily "Le Temps." An attention to this, it would seem, has gained by the arrival in the region newly of Dominion troops and the departure of Mr Eden to the Near East. German papers have been publishing angry accounts of French reinforcements in Syria under the leadership of General Weygand, one of the ablest and most experienced of French military leaders. Thus the north European and Near

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Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

A Biographical Sketch

By M. ASAF ALI

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad is a descendant of Sheik Jamaluddin, a profound scholar and an erudite doctor of divinity, who like many another savant of the near East was attracted to India by the intellectual atmosphere of Akbar's court. His impeccable integrity was recognised by the great Emperor himself and he was held in very high esteem by Mirza Aziz Kokaltash, Akbar's foster brother, and many other nobles at the Mogual Court. He was one of the few who declined to sign the manifesto drawn up by the worldly wise divines of Akbar's time endorsing Akbar's claim to be the founder of Din-i-Ilahi or the new divine religion. Both from the grandmother and the grandfather's side the Maulana can trace his ancestry to well-known doctors of divinity and men of widely respected saintliness. His mother came of a leading family of Medina. Among his ancestors there were leading theologians who from time to time had to quit the country to seek refuge in Arabia to preserve the integrity of their views against the imperial will. His father, too, had to leave India after the revolution of 1857 and lived in Arabia for several years. At the invitation of Sultan Abdul Hamid Khan he went over to Constantinople where he lived for three years. In 1872 he conceived the idea of repairing "Nahr-i-Zubaida of Mecca," one of the water courses named after the famous queen Zubaida. More than 11 lakhs of rupees were collected through his efforts for this purpose. Finally in 1907 he came Calcutta at the invitation of his numerous devotees and settled there. Several of his works were printed in Egypt and are still looked upon as a worthy contribution to theological discussion.

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Maulana Abul Kalam Azad originally named Ahmad was born in Mecca in September, 1888. He was also called Firoz Bakht by his father, and spent his childhood in Mecca and Medina where his father's house was a great centre of learning. He received his early education under his father's guidance and has also been to the world famous university of Al Azhar in Cairo. By the age of 14 he had covered the entire ground included in the Oriental curriculum of the day and was actually put in charge of classes in various subjects. He was generally regarded as a prodigy even at that age. His quick intelligence and his thirst for knowledge unhampered by inherited or environmental prejudices marked him out as a man pre-eminently fitted to fill any role which required courage and intellectual integrity of a high order. He was born in a family which was well-known for its strict orthodoxy. But his natural boldness prompted him to re-examine every aspect of life afresh. The first stirrings of his mind have been recorded by him in a brief autobiographical note in the "Tazkira", which he wrote during his internment at the age of 30. He found it impossible, he records, to accept anything without examining it afresh in the light of his own reason. For a time he even lingered in the realm of scepticism. But deeper probings revealed to him the solid core of Islamic teachings

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He brought out his first production at the age of 15. This was a monthly literary magazine called the "Lisanul Sidiq", which was greatly appreciated by the Poet Hali. In 1904 Hali met Abul Kalam and finding him only a youth of 16 refused to believe that he was the Editor. His incredulity over, he remained one of the warmest admirers of Abul Kalam for the rest of his life. When he was only 14 the Maulana entered into correspondence with Maulana Shibli and also contributed some articles to the "Makhzan" of Lahore. In 1904 he had occasion to meet Maulana Shibli in Bombay and Shibli spoke very highly of Abul Kalam's contribution, but under the impression that he was speaking to Abul Kalam's father, Nawab Mohsinul Mulk always used to address Abul

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Frankly Speaking

Rumania's Anxiety

Not unnaturally the Finnish tragedy has profoundly shocked Rumania. Menaced by Germany and Russia she was watching the struggle with the deepest concern and hoping that it would not end in a decisive victory for the aggressor and his friend. The danger to Rumania, however, is not so imminent. For, she has warded off—for the time being—the German menace by yielding to a certain extent to Nazi economic demands; and Russia may well hesitate to strike for Bessarabia owing to Italy's declared "interest" in the Balkans—unless, of course, Italy changes her mind. But when all is said and done it is by no means surprising that, in Rumania "there is a widespread condemnation of the Scandinavian attitude and the failure of other countries to provide sufficient and timely aid, which evokes such questions as: would help come in time for us?"

A Defensive Alliance?

Norway and Sweden are trying to explain away their inability to help Finland. The plain fact is that they were afraid of Germany which was determined to intervene. This has been rightly admitted by the Norwegian Foreign Minister. But that is past history. The two countries have now agreed to enter into a defensive alliance with Finland to guarantee her independence and her new territory. This is also what they owe—in addition to financial and other help for the reconstruction of Finland—to that country. But the proposed alliance essentially means protection partly against Russia but mainly against Germany. Have they got the courage to face up to Herr Hitler if and when necessary?

An Example To Millowners

The Bombay strikers have set an example to the millowners by accepting the suggestion of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee to refer their dispute to arbitration. They have also communicated this decision to the Mayor through a special deputation to him. If the millowners follow this example, a settlement is as good as effected. The workers say that their offer is open for only a week but that only means that if the millowners do not accept arbitration in a week the position will be what it was before the workers' present offer. In any case the millowners should not take more time to arrive at a decision on this point. Referring to this subject, a member of the Millowners' Association is reported to have said: "In no circumstances are we agreeable to arbitration; this is our final reply." We can only hope this member does not accurately represent the Association's considered view. A body that shirks arbitration by a person of its own choice shows by that very act that it has a weak case that cannot stand judicious consideration.

Indian Drugs Bill

The Indian Drugs Bill, now before the Central Legislature, raises many important issues of a more or less technical character, and the well-known Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works has done well to prepare a well reasoned memorandum on the subject. The main recommendations of the memorandum are that (1) a comprehensive Drugs Act on an All-India basis should come at once and simultaneous effect should be given in all parts of British India simultaneously, that (2) the Drugs Technical Advisory Board must contain non-official majority and adequate representations of manufacturers and other interests concerned, and that (3) the Central Legislature should have the privilege of reviewing the Rules and Regulations framed by the Central Government under the Act. These are reasonable suggestions and will, we trust, be accepted by the Legislature.

"Rural India"

The Congress number of "Rural India" has three distinguished contributors — Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya and Sir T. Vijayaraghavacharya. It is a paper that devotes itself generally to the solution of rural problems and gives information about India's rural life, which is most instructive. With the emphasis, which is being laid more and more every day on the needs of rural India, this publication has a distinct future.

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WITHOUT COMMENT

BERLIN, March 14.

Field-Marshal Goering has appealed for a nation-wide collection on April 20, Hitler's birthday, of metals, especially copper, bronze brass and tin for defence of the Fatherland.—Reuter.

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It is now confirmed from Sind that the Allah Baksh Ministry has gone. Which in our considered and sympathetic opinion is a profound tragedy.

For, it appears that along with it, the Muslim League Party has also almost gone. We offer our sincerest condolences to the Qaid-e-Azam for this bereavement.

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A sub-committee of the Muslim League Executive is sitting in Lahore to decide the rival claims to League authority between Malik Barkat Ali, who proclaims allegiance to the Qaid-e-Azam as "the uncrowned king of Islam in India" and Sir Sikandar Hayat, the virtual leader of the present Punjab Muslim League.

We are following the proceedings with quite lively interest. For, suppose, as the Junior Colleague points out, the award goes, on the very eve of the League sessions at Lahore, against Sir Sikandar Hayat's Party which is organising the Conference?

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His Highness the Jam Sahib complains on behalf of his brother Princes that some of their critics in British India "wanted to drag down the Princes to their level."

Too bad, too bad. How *dare* British Indians want Their Highnesses to live low and deprive themselves of the few necessities that they have allowed themselves?

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The Rulers, on the other hand, wanted British India, His Highness said, "to come up to their level."

Are British Indians expected to sit to daily banquets, wear brocades, ride elephants, etc., etc.? But if we all did that where would be the "subjects" to pay for it?

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His Highness also pleaded that "We have kept yellow a part of India on the map. Why do you want to turn it into red? I am sure you do not like red colour, which is the emblem of Bolshevism. Let us make the whole map of India yellow."

After which geographically colourful utterances, the Jam Sahib, we hope, rushed to the Viceroy's House to explain to the representative of the British Empire that he didn't mean what he said.

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On arrival in Paris 'en route' to Rome, Mr. Sumner Welles saw M. Daladier for half an hour and handed him a message from President Roosevelt.

Speculations on its contents should, however, exclude the possibility of an apology for the supply of American arms and war material to Russia.

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To a question by Finland, Norway and Sweden have replied that they were prepared "to consider the possibility of establishing a defensive alliance between Norway, Sweden and Finland."

What for?

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Shocked by the Finnish tragedy, the Rumanians are reported to be asking the question: "Would help come in time to us."

It would. In fact it is already coming as announced by Field-Marshal Goering's Lieutenant.

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Hitler Bent On Early Military Decision

—Headline.

Is he after all, really such a fool as to be bent for being broken?

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Wife: 'There are two sides to every question.'

Husband: 'Yes, dear. Yours and the wrong one.'

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

What women sigh for is long life without old age.

If woman could have her way she would never quarrel.

True friends are those who listen to your talk even when you don't say anything.

Occasionally a girl discovers that the young man after her own heart isn't after it at all.

Eternal vigilance occasionally enables a man to keep one umbrella for six consecutive weeks.

A girl doesn't enjoy an outing unless the right young man shows up somewhere in the scenery.

Russo-Finnish Treaty Sequel

SOVIET TROOPS RETIRING

Finns In Ceded Territories To Be Rapatriated: 500,000 Affected

STOCKHOLM, March 14.

According to a dispatch from North Finland, Russian troops have begun to retire. Finnish troops and volunteers [illegible] stationed in this part [illegible] front are remaining in their positions awaiting orders.

A Helsinki message says: It is announced that it has now been agreed by the Finnish, the Swedish and the Norwegian Governments that the question of the possibility of a defensive alliance to assure the boundaries and independence of the three countries shall be examined.

HOOVER THANKED

President Kallio of Finland, in a telegram to Mr. Hoover, thanking him for the help given to Finland by the Hoover Relief Committee, has stated that the civil population in the regions ceded would be transferred to the Finnish republic.

Mr. Hoover in his reply has expressed the American people's deep sympathy and said that his organisation would continue to do all it could for the benefit of the Finnish people.

HALF MILLION PEOPLE AFFECTED

It is estimated that half a million people would be turned out of their homes as a result of the Russo-Finnish Treaty. There are only 1,00,000 civilians at present in the affected areas as the others had been evacuated.

The first convoy of inhabitants returning to Viipuri to collect their belongings left Helsinki today in special trains and cars provided by Government.—Reuter.

THEY DON'T WANT TO FALL IN RUSSIA'S HANDS!

It is estimated that only one per cent. of the population of Karelia is choosing to remain in their homes and fall in Russian hands.

Finnish authorities are appealing for Doctors, Medicines, Ambulances and Food for the aid of the evacuated population.

RUSSIAN OCCUPATION BEGINS

The Finnish army began withdrawal this afternoon from the two hundred miles line of Finnish Frontier.

When the Finnish armies withdraw four and a half miles, the Russian armies will begin to advance into the ceded territory.

EVACUATION MEASURES

The evacuation from the ceded Finnish territory is following the plan completed last autumn, when the situation became serious, by which people from the same village are kept together and moved to another village Railways will be mobilised for evacuation work and everyone possessing a motor driving license will be called on to help.

Peace Treaty Bill

The Peace Treaty will be presented in the form of a Bill to Diet to-day or to-morrow for ratification.

POLES WERE READY

PARIS:—The Polish news agency now reveals that the Polish Expeditionary Force was also standing by waiting for orders to go to Finland.

TRAWLER DESTROYS U-BOAT

A Sterling Sea Drama

LONDON, March 14

Details are now revealed of a stirring sea fight between a fleetwood trawler on naval service and a U-boat, ending with the destruction of the latter.

The trawler was off the north-east Scottish coast when it encountered the submarine. Depth charges were dropped with the result that the submarine came to the surface and went off fullspeed at 16 knots to the trawler's normal maximum speed of 15 knots.

A running fight for 17 hours ensued and the trawler was hit several times and the engineroom was flooded, but it worked upto a speed of over 18 knots at the risk of hte ship's bottom falling out and overhauled the submarine which was sunk by gunfire. No survivors of the submarine were found.—Reuter.

KINGSTON (Jamaica), March 15.

The German liner "Hannover" arrived here as a prize of the war

LABOUR WELFARE CENTRE

Mr. E. J. S. Ram, Labour Welfare officer will conduct a Boxing Tournament at DeLisle Road, Government Labour Welfare Centre, to-day (Saturday) evening between 7 and 8-30 p.m. in the Rambilas Anandilal Podar Hall.

Viipuri, An Empty Shell

Evacuation Scenes In Ceded Districts Of Finland

HELSINKI, March 15.

As units of the Red Army marched into battered Viipuri, 400,000 Finns began a great trek to new homes. Nearly one-sixth of Finland's population is participating. None is forced to leave but only one per cent in the districts ceded have chosen to remain.

The Government have commandeered every vehicle to help the evacuation and every horse or cart within 15 miles of the new frontier has been pressed into service to transport families. All motorcars in the country and whole railway system have been mobilised.

The Russians found Viipuri an empty shell. For three days large parties of civilians working ceaselessly have removed carpets, furniture and supplies. Even the smallest shops are completely emptied. From the area westward of Ladoga, an officer found a hundred Finns, who had rested, frozen to death. All inhabitants and belongings are being evacuated from Hangoe and miles-long columns of lorries piled with every transportable object are moving into the interior. The evacuation is everywhere being carried out with great efficiency, the people from the same villages being kept together and moved 'en bloc.'—Reuter.

RATIFY TREATY

Kallio's Appeal To Parliament

HELSINKI, March 15.

The Parliament met to discuss peace treaty.

President Kallio in a brief speech declared that ever since the hostilities opened the Finnish Government had expressed a wish to re-establish peace. He outlined the events and proposed that the treaty be ratified.—Reuter.

FINNISH ARMY

No Immediate Demobilisation

STOCKHOLM, March 15.

There is no intention immediately to demobilise the Finnish Army. Eighteen-year old conscripts are still being signed on and it is apparently intended that immediately the withdrawal provided in the treaty is completed, work shall be started on building new defensive positions.—Reuter.

On Western Front

FRESH TROOP CONCENTRATIONS

LONDON, March 15.

Reuter's correspondent on the Swiss-German frontier wires that fresh troop concentrations are reported in Austria and South Germany where new barracks and training centres are said to be in the course of erection.

An attempt is also being made to settle the evacuees from Western Germany in these regions—Reuter.

Butter Ration To Be Doubled

LONDON, March 15.

The butter ration is to be doubled from Monday week. Each customer will be entitled to a half instead of a quarter lb. per week.—Reuter.

NORWEGIAN ARMY BUDGET

OSLO, March 15.

It is announced that an extraordinary additional credit of ten million crowns (571,000 sterling. is being included in the Army Budget of 1940-41 "owing to developments in the international situation since the budget was drawn up."—Reuter.

PARIS, March 15.

Following the continuation of yesterday's secret session, the Senate passed a unanimous vote of confidence in the Government.—Reuter.

Profiteering By Pretences

Question Of Commissions For Govt. Contracts

LONDON, March 15.

In the House of Commons the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Supply said that the army was co-operating very willingly in the scheme for the release of men needed in industry. An equivalent of two divisions had already been released so far.

He also stated that orders worth five million sterling had been placed by the Ministry of Supply since the outbreak of war

COMMISSIONS FOR GOVT. CONTRACTS

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Labour, raised the question of commissions for Government contracts. He said that it was quite irregular for agents to approach manufacturers offering to secure them Government business provided commissions on the business secured were paid them. Any basis of commission on the value of orders received was a positive incitement to get the price as high as it could be. Furthermore, it was also an incitement to agents to get the placing of orders with unsuitable firms. Mr. Morrison wanted to know whether the Ministry of Supply recognised intermediaries.

LOOSE EXPRESSIONS.

Dr. Burgin replying said that he had not seen a single case in which a specific allegation was made that a Servant of the Crown had been bribed or offered improper advantage in connection with a Government contract. A great many loose expressions were used and there was a tendency to confuse the perfectly legitimately established practice of remunerating an agent by commission and the very criminal practice of offering or attempting to bribe a Government servant.

POSITION OF AGENTS

But in view of the fact that the large increase of Government business appeared to have attracted a corresponding proportion of people who lived by their wits. The Government had decided that the position of agents must be regularised and the atmosphere of suspicion engendered by the action of unscrupulous persons ended. Accordingly, regulations were now being drafted making it an offence to obtain commissions by representing that influence could be brought to bear on any Government servant while, at the same time, safeguarding the relations between a principal and his accredited agent.—Reuter.

AIR-ARM IS

Decisive Factor

ITALY SPEEDS UP PRODUCTION OF WAR-PLANES

ROME, March 15.

Italy is producing warplanes to-day at a higher rate than that at any previous period and the rate will almost be doubled within the next few months, said Gen. Pricolo, Under-Secretary for Air, during a debate in the Chamber.

LESSON FROM GERMANY

Gen. Pricolo said that the German Air Force had clearly shown its superiority against British merchant shipping in the North Sea. The same could not be said regarding warships, but it was logical to suppose that aircraft would succeed at least in imposing remarkable limitations on their use and activity.

"These considerations are of special importance to Italy since to her the Mediterranean is the pathway and life and I can affirm that it will so remain thanks to the infinite possibilities of attack and reprisals, which aircraft gives."

The Duce was present in the Chamber, which was discussing air estimates.

'DUCE'S BILL FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE'

Sgr. Mussolini in his capacity as Minister for War has tabled a Bill providing for an additional expenditure for national defence upto June 30 amounting to a maximum of approximately £108,100,000.

"RED" COAL FOR ITALY?

The newspaper "Tevere" reveals that under the recent agreement with Germany, Italy will receive nine millions tons of coal annually from Germany, but she still have to import three millions tons from other sources to ensure her annual needs of twelve millions tons.

The paper suggests that Russian coal might fill the deficiency since the Russian ports concerned are nearer to Italy than the British.—Reuter.

INQUEST ON O'DWYER

Doctor Hands Bullet To Coroner: Death Caused By Haemorrhage

LONDON, March 15.

The inquest on Sir Michael O'Dwyer opened to-day.

After evidence for identification by Sir [illegible] ing of Udham Singh, the Coroner adjourned the inquest to May 8, which will be after the conclusion of the criminal proceedings.

Udham Singh was driven to the court from Brixton gaol and kept in a room until the proceedings began. He was wearing the same clothes as at Bow Street and smiling broadly as he was taken to a seat at the back of the court. His right wrist was handcuffed to a prison officer.

Dr. Spilsbury stated that he had not completed his report but told the Coroner that he found two bullet wounds in O'Dwyer's back, one below the other, running parallel courses through the body. One bullet emerged on the left side leaving an open wound and the other finished in the abdominal wall

Dr. Spilsbury handed the bullet to the Coroner and added, "the cause of death was haemorrhage from these two wounds."

Udham Singh was not invited to question.

PRIVATE FUNERAL.

Sir Michael O'Dwyer's funeral is taking place privately to-morrow. There will be a memorial mass at Brompton oratory on March 27.

Sympathisers who would send flowers are requested in the death announcement to make donations to the National Institute for the Blind instead.

Indian Organisations Condemn It

Representatives of various London Indian organisations held an emergency meeting in which they condemned in the severest terms the Caxton Hall shooting.

The speakers emphasised that the accused Indian was an unknown figure, that London Indians had acquired the reputation of being peaceful citizens and that the outrage was quite foreign to their mentality.

HARMFUL TO INDIA'S CAUSE

A statement signed by Mr. Krishna Menon of the India League, Dr. Vakil of the Indian National Committee, Messrs. P. B. Seal, P. B. Ray Chaudhuri, G. S. Dara, the latter representing the Gandhi Society in London, declared that the outrage has done harm to India and to the cause of the Indian National Congress.—Reuter

Dr. Arundale Condemns Outrage

Dr. George S. Arundale has sent a telegram to Gandhiji suggesting nation-wide action condemning the Caxton Hall outrage as being repugnant to Indian ideals.

NO "BEARER BONDS" FOR ENEMY

British Stock Exchange Warns Its Members

LONDON, March 15.

According to the "Financial Times" steps have been taken to put an end to the machinery of the British Stock Exchange being used for the disposal of securities, principally "Bearer Bonds" on behalf of enemy interests.

Germany acquired large qantities of securities by the seizure of Poland and Czechoslovakia and there is evidence that considerable amount thereof was disposed of in Britain through neutral channels.

Yesterday the Stock Exchange Committee issued a strongly worded warning to members to be on guard against attempts at such disposals and reminded them of the penalties.

Oslo-London Air Service

LONDON, March 15.

A new direct Air Service was opened to-day between London and Oslo by the Royal Dutch air liner.

The flight will take seven hours —Reuter.

Britain And Soviet Methods

LONDON, March 15.

The Deen of Canterbury has issued a statement declaring it completely untrue that he condoned the offences in Russia against humanity and religion or that he advocated changes in Britain by methods which characterised the Soviet regime.—Reuter.

ALLAHBUX CHALLENGES NEW COALITION

But Nationalist Party Leader Claims Clear Majority

KARACHI, March 15.

The Nationalist Party at a meeting this evening is stated to have submitted the names of five Muslims and four Hindus as members from whom the Leader will have the choice of selection of colleagues for a New Cabinet.

Interviewed by the Associated Press Mr. Mir Bunde Ali Khan said that he would be seeing the Governor to-morrow morning when he would agree to form an alternative Ministry and announce the personnel of the Cabinet.

He added that the Party now had a clear majority of 31 members in a House of 59, excluding the Speaker.

INTERVIEW WITH GOVERNOR

KARACHI, March 15.

After Khan Bahadur Khuro, Mr. Nichaldas Vazirani and Prof. Ghanshyam, leader of the Assembly Congress Party had seen the Governor, Mir Bunde Ali Khan Talpur, who was elected to-day leader of the Nationalist Party, was invited by His Excellency for an interview.

After seeing the Party leaders, the Governor summoned Mr. Allabux.—A. P.

OPPOSITION HAS NO CHANCE

KARACHI, March 15.

"Nothing will happen and the oppositionists will not succeed in forming a stable alternative Ministry," said the Premier, Khan Bahadur Allah Baksh to the "Associated Press" at the end of the day's strenuous efforts on the part of both Ministerialists and the Oppositionists to outwit each other in the bewildering political warfare.

Mr. Allah Baksh said that even if the opposition succeeded in enlisting the support of Mir Bunde Ali which, in Mr. Allah Baksh's opinion, was very doubtful, he was sure that Mir Bunde Ali's followers would not leave the Ministerialist Party and thus there would be no change in the present Party position.—A. P

BUDGET SESSION PROROGUED

The budget session of the Sind Assembly has been prorogued and a new session is being called on March 26 when the remaining budget demands will be put to vote before the House and a supplementary demand for the rejected grant under the head "Civil Works" will also be presented. —A.P.

"HOLI" PRECAUTIONS IN SIND

KARACHI, March 14.

Section 144, prohibiting assemblage of five persons in Sukkur, Shikarpur, and Rohri has been promulgated by the District Magistrate for five days in connection with the Holi festival commencing on March 21.—A. P.

Scholarships To Encourage Collegiate Studies

KAPADWANJ HIGH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

KAPADWANJ, (By Mail.)

The prize distribution gathering and Sports Competition of the Municipal High School, Kapadwanj, were held at the school compound. Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao, Principal, Sheth, L.D. Arts College, Ahmedabad, presided.

The sports programme was over by 9 a.m. in the morning and the Prize distribution commenced from 5 p.m The Head Master, Mr. D. B. Desai, read the report.

The Chairman, in the course of his speech, stressed the necessity of awarding scholarships to encourage collegiate studies as in Great Britain where nearly 50 per cent. of the students received their education free. He said that education should not be confined within the narrow walls of the classroom but there should be abundant scope for outdoor activities. He also appealed to the public of Kapadwanj to make donations for the extension of the High School building.

After a vote of thanks to the chair, the function terminated.

Fresh Japanese Offensive

TOKYO, March 15.

The Japanese forces in Kwangsi Province have started a fresh offensive against several divisions of the Chinese troops which had resumed activity in the area west of the highway between Yamchow and Nanning States, according to a 'communique' issued from the headquarters of the Japanese expeditionary forces in South China which adds that Japanese operations are progressing smoothly.—Reuter.

PEERS PASS JAPAN'S MILITARY BUDGET

TOKYO, March 15.

The House of Peers unanimously approved the Ordinary and Extraordinary Military Budget. At the same time the Cabinet is asking for an additional sum of over two hundred million yen for special purposes.—Reuter.

TIENTSIN SILVER QUESTION

Craigie At Tokyo Foreign Office

TOKYO, March 15.

Sir Robert Craigie had an hour's talk this morning with the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.

According to a Foreign Office spokesman the talk was mainly devoted to the Tientsin silver question described as "approaching the last stage."

Reuter learns in connection with the Tientsin Silver Issue that still some difficulties are to be overcome and the reports that an agreement is at hand appear to be over-optimistic.—Reuter.

ALLIES DETERMINED TO FIGHT TO BITTER END

Impression That Sumner Welles Will Carry To Roosevelt

LONDON, March 14.

Reuter understands that Mr. Sumner Welles left England convinced that the dominant factor in the international situation is that Europe needs security, that Britain and France are determined to fight to the bitter end to secure it and that they are not prepared to allow economic or other questions lead to a patched up peace.

In the Allied countries there is full appreciation of the clarity with which Mr. Welles demonstrated permanent interests of the United States in the present and future Europe. His obvious grasp of the true position in each country has given much satisfaction in the Allied countries, which feel they have nothing to fear from the comparisons that he will carry back to President Roosevelt.—Reuter.

Soviet-Rumanian Pact?

DRAMATIC CHANGE IN INTERNATIONAL SITUATION BY WEEK-END

LONDON, Mar. 14.

ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM BERLIN QUOTED BY THE NEW YORK RADIO, GERMANY HAS OBTAINED SOVIET ASSURANCES THAT WHATEVER HAPPENS IN SOUTH EAST OF EUROPE, RUMANIA WILL REMAIN INVIOLATE.

THE REPORTS ADD THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROCEEDING FOR A SOVIET-RUMANIAN PACT. THE ANNOUNCER ADDED, IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT A RUMANIAN GENERAL IS IN BERLIN PRESENT THOUGH HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE MERELY VISITING THE CAPITAL FOR TECHNICAL TALKS.

The announcer said that it is stated in Berlin that "the negotiations that are proceeding between Russia and Rumania would change the international situation before the end of the week."

Reuter adds there is no confirmation in well-informed quarters in London of these reports.—Reuter.

Towards Russo-Rumanian Pact

Nazis Raise Scare Of Change In International Situation

LONDON, March 15.

With the restoration of peace between Russia and Finland and the elimination of Scandinavian countries as a potential war-zone at any rate in the immediate future, speculation is now busy with the possibility of trouble in south-eastern Europe, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

Rumour has been particularly busy concerning the position of Rumania where German propaganda has characteristically been claiming successes.

The correspondent learns that usually well-informed Rumanian circles in London have no confirmation of reports that negotiations are in progress for a Soviet-Rumanian Pact, nor do the same quarters credit the allegation of the German wireless that "the negotiations progressing between Russia and Rumania will change the international situation completely before the end of the week."

Actually no sensational developments are expected by Rumanian circles in London and it is believed that the German claim was made chiefly for internal consumption.—Reuter.

"CLOSER ECONOMIC RELATION BETWEEN REICH & RUMANIA"

BERLIN, March 15.

"South eastern Europe is facing an organic economic development similar to that which over a long period occurred among the northern states", declared Herr Wohlthat, Field-Marshal Goering's chief economic adviser, in a speech.

He added, Rumanian development is cast for a special role in this. The relations between Germany and Rumania had recently increased both in agrarian and industrial respects The possibilities of the development of Rumanian economy had increased immensely by the linking up of the European waterways—Reuter.

Polish Forces Waiting To Join British & French Troops

LONDON, March 15.

The Polish News Agency reveals that the Polish Expeditionary Force comprising Military Naval and Air Force units had been waiting in France fully prepared to join the British and French troops in proceeding to Finland.—Reuter.

WILLINGTON:—Loans to Government, free of interest as part of the war effort total £11,90,000.

ALLIES ASKED PERMISSION FOR PASSAGE OF TROOPS AFTER PEACE NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEGUN!

OSLO, Mar. 15.

The Foreign Minister, M. Koht, broadcasting said, Britain and France asked Norway to allow passage of troops only when the Finnish-Russian negotiations were under way. "The matter had then ceased to be topical."

Had Norway allowed passage to Allied troops, Germany would undoubtedly have intervened with disastrous consequences for Norway.—Reuter.

The Half-Column "By Dim"

Dorothy Thompson recently said she detected elements of Nazi philosophy in the radio speeches of Colonel Lindbergh. The Colonel has now written an article in the November issue of "The Readers' Digest" which makes one feel that, may be, Dorothy Thompson is right.

Lindbergh in this article entitled: "Aviation, Georgraphy and Race," speaks of Western nations which are threatened by "the teeming millions of Asia" and by a pressing sea of Yellow, Black and Brown". He wants the Western nations to guard their heritage from Mongol and Persian and Moor, and he talks about a "Western Wall of race and arms, which can hold back either a Genghis Khan or the infiltration of inferior blood."

We get a clearer idea of what is in Lindbergh's mind or rather what is in the mind of someone behind him when he speaks of "an English fleet, a German air force, a French army, an American nation standing together as guardians of our common heritage."

Other disturbing statements from him are: "Aviation is a divine gift for the reason that it is a tool specially shaped for Western hands, a scientific art which others only copy in a mediocre fashion."

Perhaps the best comment on the Col.'s literary effort is the one of "the New Republic" which says: "On the whole, we prefer to think that this extraordinary outburst is only the confused thinking of a young man who has never had any aptitude for public affairs and who should never have been forced into a position where he felt he must participate in them." Good work, "New Republic" I'm with you, young as I am.

Mr. Sumner Welles, the American envoy (or convoy as the case may be) when asked by a journalist whether he would relent to the extent of saying he enjoyed his European trip, said: "Not a word, not a word."

Second Session Of Rural Development School Concludes

(From A Correspondent)

POONA, (By Mail).

The second session of classes to train agriculturists in scientific methods of bunding was arranged by the Department of Rural Development since December last. The fifth class of this series was recently conducted at Karjat in Ahmednagar district in which 41 agriculturists from Karjat and Jamkhed Mahals got their training. Each class was of 12 days duration in which the cultivators were trained in practical methods of bunding, on contour lines, with the help of simple instruments like the mason's plumb and square, the spirit level bottle etc. which can be easily in villages. A piece of land measuring about 20 acres in extent representing the typical tract in the Taluqa was specially selected for the purpose.

The closing ceremony of the class at Karjat was formally performed by Mr. L. M. Patil, former Minister of Bombay, on February 28.

Viceroy Gives Assent To Central Acts

NEW DELHI, March 15.

The Governor-General has given his assent to the following acts recently passed by the Central Legislature, namely the Trade Marks Act, the Indian Coinage (Amendment) Act, the Reserve Bank of India (closing of annual accounts) Act, the Indian Emigration (Amendment) Act, the Reserve Bank of India (Amendment) Act and the Arbitration Act.—A. P.

Battle Over Excess Profits Tax

Series Of Opposition Amendments Defeated In Assembly

NEW DELHI, Mar. 15.

In the Central Assembly to-day Mr. Akhil Chandra Datta's amendment to reduce the charge of Excess Profits Tax from 50 to 40 per cent was rejected by 55 votes to 11.

Mr. Datta's other amendments to reduce the tax from 50 to 35 or 30 to 25 per cent were also rejected without a division.

Mr. Baijnath Bajoria's amendment to fix the Excess Profits Tax on a graduated scale instead of the fixed percentage was rejected by the Assembly without a division.

PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL

A determined attempt was made by the Congress Nationalist party in the Assembly during detailed discussion of the Excess Profits Tax Bill to reduce the percentage of the tax, first by means of an amendment to introduce a graduated scale ranging from 30 to 50 per cent on successive slabs of excess profits, and then by means of a series of amendments pressing for a lowering of the rate from 50 per cent to 25, 30 33-1|3 and 40 per cent.

All the amendments were lost.

FOR GRADUATED SCALE

Mr. Bajoria moved the amendment proposing the graduated scale and said that equity demanded that the tax should be made suitable to the varying capacity of the tax-payers. The Amendment, he urged, was in conformity with the principle of the slab system adopted by the Government in the case of income-tax.

Mr. H. A. Laljee and Mr. L. K. Maitra supporting the amendment asked the Government to be consistent in applying the principle of the "slab system."

Sir Raza Ali asked how much would be the loss of revenue if the amendment was adopted while Sir Ziauddin generally accepted the principle of the "slab system" but thought it too late to introduce it in the Bill at this stage.

RAISMAN EXPLAINS

Sir Jeremy Raisman emphasised the over-riding principle that the State should share at least equally in the amount of Excess Profits in an emergency such as the present. The "slab system", he said, was inapplicable to a tax of this type which was to be applied not to the whole income of the assessee but to that slice of income which represented an excess over a standard income. He assured Sir Raza Ali that the loss of revenue would be substantial.

The amendment was rejected without a division.

"REDUCE THE RATE"

Mr. A. C. Datta and Mr. Bajoria moved a number of amendments seeking to reduce the rate. Sir Homi Modi, Sardar Sant Singh, Mr. H. A. Laljee and Mr. Lalchand Navalrai supported them.

Sir Raza Ali argued that a reduction of the rate now would disturb the principle on which the Bill was based.

THREE CRORES LIMIT

Sir Jeremy Raisman explained that what he had in mind when, unlike the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the United Kingdom he gave an estimate of the possible yield was the limited problem to be met in the year 1940-41. The more he thought over the estimate of three crores, the more he felt it was exceedingly unlikely to be surpassed in 1940-41.

As regards the percentage having improved the Bill in other directions to the extent to which it had been improved in Select Committee, Government had strong moral justification for the claim that the States share in the excess profits should not be less than 50 per cent.

Mr. K. K. Malaviya asked if as soon as three crores of rupees were collected the Finance Member would stop further collection. (Laughter).

Sir Jeremy Raisman: If I can stop the war at the same time. (Loud laughter).

The amendment to fix the rate at 35 per cent was pressed to a division and lost by 55 votes to 11.

FOR INDIAN TRADERS ABROAD

Relief to Indian traders, particularly Sindhi traders doing business abroad was strenuously advocated in the course of further debate on Clause Four by Mr. Aney, Mr. A. H. A. Laljee Mr. Navalrai, Mr. Nauman and Mr. K. K. Malaviya who pleaded for total exemption from the tax of profits of business accruing or arising outside British India. The speakers declared that Government which had done nothing to help Indian traders in their business abroad had no moral justification for taxing profits made by these traders' unaided efforts.

Mr. S. P. Chambers, Income-tax Adviser, opposed the amendment which, he said, went too far and would exempt large corporations doing business in many different countries. He, however, indicated that some relief to Indian traders abroad was proposed in two amendments which were to be moved to later clauses and when these amendments were reached Government would not oppose them.

TAXABLE LIMIT

The amendment was lost as also another seeking to provide for an exemption limit of Rs. 10,000 for profits accruing or arising outside India, this limit to be in addition to the limit already provided in the Bill of Rs. 30,000.

An amendment was attempted by Mr. A. C. Datta to extend the exemption from the tax to banks (in addition to life insurance companies) but was defeated.

Clause Four was eventually passed with only a few drafting changes proposed by Mr. Chambers intended to clarify the sense.

Clause Five was passed without any amendment and discussion on Clause Six had not concluded when the House adjourned till Monday.—A. P.

STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE TO BE REVIVED

NEW DELHI, March 15.

After an interval of nearly three years, a Standing Finance Committee of the Assembly is proposed to be set up again. Sir Jeremy Raisman, Finance Member, is expected to move next week the election for the financial year 1940-41 of a Committee of fourteen members with an official Chairman.

Owing mainly to difference of opinion with regard to its powers, the Committee has not been in existence during the last three years. References to its absence have been frequent in the Assembly and during the general debate on this year's budget many members dwelt also on the need for a Committee to be associated with the control of emergency expenditure.—A.P.

REGULATION OF DRUG TRAFFIC

Select Committee Report Presented In Assembly

NEW DELHI, March 15.

The report of the Select Committee on the Bill to regulate the import into, and the manufacture, distribution and sale in, British India of drugs, was presented to the Assembly to-day

The Committee say they should have preferred to find included in the present legislation provisions dealing also with pharmacy, and for bringing the pharmaceutical profession under the salutary control provided for in the Bill.

The Committee have, however, received an assurance that the Central Government will take steps immediately to consult provincial Governments with a view to undertaking such legislation as early as possible.

In the meantime, the Committee have made increased provision for representation of the pharmaceutical profession on the Drugs Technical Advisory Board by the addition of a provision for the nomination by the Central Government of one additional member of that profession.

The Committee consider it highly desirable that chapter four which seeks to regulate the manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs should be brought into operation simultaneously in all provinces.

SERIOUS OMISSIONS

A dissenting minute signed by three members, Mr. S. K. Som, Col. H. Rahman and Maulvi, M. A. Ghani says: "The Bill does not go far enough as it does not include the control of the pharmaceutical profession." They point to a number of other omissions which they regard as serious, and refer among other things to the absence of control of Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic patents. —A.P.

Princes Not Creation Of British Bayonets

NEW DELHI, March 14.

"We are Hindus and whenever Hinduism is threatened neither I nor my brother Princes can remain behind without defending it to the last," declared the Maharaja Jam Saheb of Nawanagar at a reception given to him by the Hindu Mahasabha. He said whatever might have been their history, Rajputs had always put their religion first.

His Highness referred to the recent statements that the Princes were the creation of British bayonets. He declared that it was just the contrary. It was British India, as its very name showed, which was the creation of the British in India. "We have kept yellow a part of India on the map. Why do you want to turn it into red? I am sure you do not like red colour, which is the emblem of Bolshevism. Let us make the whole map of India yellow", he said.

The Jam Saheb said that Indian rulers had existed and would continue to exist. The Chancellor said that the rulers wanted British India to come up to their level. Some of their critics in British India, on the other hand, wanted to drag down the Princes to their level.

"That shall not happen," he said "To-day Hinduism, like Indian States, is attacked from within and without. But the Princes will make sacrifices and stem the tide. We too will advance in time, but we are the best judges of this advance. We will share the responsibility with our people, but our people must demand and deserve it. One thing is certain; we will not hand over responsibility to anarchy and disorder."

The Jam Saheb appealed for a united India and said that they who lived in India were like a big family. The more they met the more they understood one another.—A P.

Seven Outlaws Shot Dead

Withering Fire From Frontier Govt. Forces

BANNU, March 15.

Seven notorious outlaws were shot dead and two residents of Latambar area captured alive in an engagement yesterday at Kamchashma.

Gangs of Jallat and Tahwildar, associates of the Faquir of Ipi, are reported to have been rounded up from Domel Latambar and Gemmati sides.

"The fighting continued till late last evening but the enemy could not withstand the withering fire from the Government forces. Taking advantage of the hilly country full of caves and ravines, the gang dispersed during darkness leaving seven killed and two wounded in the field. The dead have been identified as members of Jallats' gang and have been taken away by their relatives residing in the British territory.

It is reported, heavy casualties were inflicted upon hostiles but they succeeded in taking away most of their dead and wounded companions.—A. P.

Maj. R. N. Lunt Dead

BANNU, March 15

Maj. R. N. Lunt, of the Royal Signals, has succumbed to injuries received on February 3, when three military cars were held up by a gang of armed raiders near Mamaskhel, four miles away on the Bannu-Razmak Road.—A. P.

GERMAN SPIES Ordered To Quit Turkey

(From Our Own Correspondent)

CAIRO, (By Air Mail)

The Turkish Government have arrested some Germans on a charge of espionage and ordered them to leave Turkey within a short time.

The activities of the German Legation at Ankara in these critical times, it may be recalled here have been closely watched by the authorities.

It is also understood that some Germans have been asked by the Legation to leave Turkey at once.

The Turkish Government have also suddenly intimated to all Turkish students in Germany to return to Turkey at once.

For the first time Italy has ordered 500 families to migrate into Lybia (the Arabian State close to Tripoli) and 12,000 acres of land has been granted to them. Another 500 families are expected shortly.

It is also reported that the famous throne inlaid with gold, belonging to the ex-Emperor, Haile Selassi, has been removed from Addis Ababa to Rome to be exhibited in the Naples Exhibition in May next.

FEDERATION OF SAWANTVADI STATE SUBJECTS' ASSOCIATION

Sjt B. A. Dhuri Provincial Secretary of the Federation of the Sawantwadi State Subjects' Association writes:

A Public Meeting of the representatives of all the organisations of the Sawantwadi State Subjects in Bombay will be held on Sunday March 17 at 3-30 p.m. at 'the Kamgar Special English Classes', near Currey Road Bridge 13-31 Currey Road, to confirm the Constitution drafted by the Provisional Committee and to elect the Board of Management etc The Final sitting of the Provisional Committee will also take place at the same place at 3 p.m. All organisations are invited to co-operate, by sending their representatives to the meeting and their names, the affiliation subscription and the detailed information of their Institutes, to Naturopath Dadasaheb Dhuri Prov. Secretary at the above address on or before the 17th instant."

RAILWAY BOARD CRITICISED

Resentment At Delay In Granting War Allowance

(From A Correspondent)

DOHAD (By Mail).

A monster meeting of the B. B. and C. I. Railway employees of Dohad was held at Freelandgunj. Mr. L. M. Shrikanth, M. L. A. Vice-president of the Union presided. In the course of his speech, he criticised the policy of the Railway Board in not granting the War-allowance, even though the cost of living had considerably increased by over 40 per cent and asked the workers to unite and fight out their legitimate rights.

Mr. R. Balasundram, Secretary of the Union explained in detail the earnings and the expenditure of the Indian Railways and appealed to every one to join the Union immediately, as their salvation lay in their own hands, and further criticised the policy of the Railway Board in not granting the modest demand of Provident Fund and War-allowance.

The meeting terminated after passing resolutions expressing resentment at the delay in granting war allowance and requesting the Government of India and the Railway Board to institute an inquiry into the question of wages, hours of work, etc.

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MUTT AND JEFF—Well, At Least You'll Have to Say That's Splitting the Difference By BUD FISHER

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INDIAN REACTION TO CAXTON HALL OUTRAGE

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to suppress the forces of terrorism."

Mr. Aney adds: I however consider it my duty to make it clear that there is a very serious responsibility on those who are actively engaged in the work of the maintenance of law and order in the land, to keep their heads calm and cool and not to be panicky and vindictive at the occurrence of such an isolated incident however deplorable it may be.

"Their conduct must be such as to inspire confidence and a spirit of co-operation among the people. Reckless and indiscreet acts of repression done in a spirit of vindictiveness defeat the very purpose and invariably create the very atmosphere in which the cult of terrorism takes firm root and secretly thrives and grows".

Mr. S. Satyamurthi, M.L.A., (Central) in a statement to the press commenting on Caxton Hall outrage says:

"As Mahatma Gandhi rightly says this is an act of insanity. I hope it had no political motive behind it. But if it had, it has frustrated itself. Such acts have never helped and will never help the cause of Indian freedom. On the other hand they hurt it. I offer my respectful sympathy to the family of Sir Michael O'Dwyer and express the hope that Lord Zetland and others who have been injured will soon recover."

Has Injured India's Cause

Sir Yamin Khan in a statement to the press says: The outrage committed by the man calling himself "Mohd Singh Azad" stands condemned by the whole of India whose cause he has greatly injured. In my opinion he must be a fanatic or a madman or may have been a dupe of some persons whose motive will be revealed later on.

I condemn his action in most unequivocal terms and sympathise with the family of Sir Michael O'Dwyer and with those who have been wounded."

All Faring Well

Lord Zetland interviewed by Reuter in the evening said he was feeling no ill effects after the day's work. Lord Lamington is reported to be doing well and Sir Louis Dane is going on nicely.

Bharucha On Significance Of Outrage

Mr. B. F. Bharucha writes:—

All India deplores the murderous gunshots at the Caxton Hall Meeting by one, who tries to pass off as Mahomed Singh Azad, resulting in the death of Sir Michael O'Dwyer, and injuries to Lords Zetland and Lamington, and to Sir Louis Dane, India and all her recognised political associations stand by the creed of non-violence; and to them, this act is heinous.

The tragedy has its own significance. Let us all realize it.

(1) The present political deadlock must end.

(2) The anti under-current must stop.

(3) The British Bureaucracy alone should not be hauled up for condemnation at all times.

(4) Some of our own ministers have behaved worse.

(5) Let not the Congress repeat the blunder of the Bhagat Singh Resolution.

(6) And in view of the grave situation in the West and the Near East, let the Government and the Congress waste no time in coming to a settlement, bearing in mind the greatest good to the greatest number; and not stick out for words, phrases and formulas or for vain political power.

(7) Let both beware of the growing unrest in India and the threatened unrest on her Frontiers; and let both join hands for the cause of Peace and Amity.

U. P. Governor's Message To Zetland

The Governor of U. P. has sent the following cable to the Secretary of State for India:—

"The United Provinces have heard with the deepest regret of assassination of Sir Michael O'Dwyer and of the attack on Lord Zetland, Lord Lamington and Sir Louis Dane and desire to express deep sympathy with Lady O'Dwyer and the other victims of this cowardly outrage".

Requiem Mass

Requiem mass for Sir Michael O'Dwyer will be held at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, 1, Lawrence Road, Lahore, on Saturday, March 16th, 1940, at 8-30 a.m.

PRESS GALLERY PROTEST

Representation To Punjab Premier And Speaker

LAHORE, March 15.

When the Punjab Legislative Assembly re-assembled to-day, it was announced that the House would adjourn one hour earlier to-day to enable the Congress members of the Assembly to leave for Ramgarh by the evening train.

The House would re-assemble on March 26 for the convenience of the Congress members who would be away from Lahore for the intervening period in connection with the Congress Session.

The members of the Press Gallery submitted a written representation to-day to the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition and the Speaker protesting against certain remarks made in the House yesterday in the course of the debate on the general administration demands by certain members of the Opposition, particularly Dr. Gokulchand Narang challenging the honesty and integrity of the members of the Press Gallery. They made an appeal, in the representation, to protect them from such attacks which they were not in a position to refute on the floor of the House.—United Press.

KARACHI MAYOR'S STATUS

KARACHI, March 14.

The Karachi Municipal Corporation has adopted, among others, the following proposal on the question of the status of the Mayor at public and Government functions, and other cognate matters relating to the Mayor's status:—

For all city official, government and ceremonial functions where the Mayor is invited in his official capacity, he should be given precedence immediately after H.E. the Governor.

The Mayor should be exempted from personal appearance in Courts.—United Press.

"ALTMARK" AFFAIR AND AFTER

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East regions—the latter touching as well the Balkans—stand at the moment as sectors of greatest care and attention, though there is no tendency to overlook the possibilities of sharper turns on the West especially with approach of the warmer season.

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Financial position of a State is assumed as a factor of prime importance in modern period in the determination of its role. A statement relating to the French financial position was made few days ago in an important declaration by M. Paul Reynaud, the Finance Minister. He referred to a statement oft heard at the beginning of the war that "war will mean financial ruin.' Those who spoke so, he added, might have felt warranted if Government policy remained passive. The resources held by France with a policy adopted, however, saw to a different state being upheld. Here are, he said, some examples:—

One needed 46.40 French Francs to buy a dollar in the open market in New York. After the Franc recovered recently one required for it 44.60 Francs. The deposits of savings show a steady and satisfactory rise: 2.1 milliards in October; 5.3 in November; and more than 8 milliards on an average for the months of December and January. The excess of deposits over withdrawals amounted in October to 300 millions, in November 625 millions, in December 585 millions and in January 710 millions. The interest rate has stayed low. The discount rate of the Bank of France is maintained at 2 per cent., the lowest in the world after the United States and Switzerland. In spite of big purchases abroad, France's reserves in gold and foreign exchange is almost as high as at the beginning of the war.

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The severity with which German rule over Poland is being maintained and developed is well expressed by a decree newly issued by Marshal Goering. Under this decree all landed properties in Poland occupied and attached to Germany, excepting those in possession of Germans on or by September last year, are to be confiscated for the benefit of the German State and German settlers. This immediately involves an extensive area annexed to Germany and holding a population around seven millions. The Poles, as the Czechs in the "protectorate," are being reduced to a very subordinate position, not only politically, but also culturally and economically. The new measure effecting Polish lands is in accordance with a Nazi German plan of reducing people in occupied regions to a definitely inferior role and with it also creating a reservoir of labour with considerably curtailed rights for attending to German needs and supplies. The new measure of Goering has raised much attention abroad, particularly as it is held as indicative of a fate that may be of those falling under German domination with an assertion of a German expansionist course, for Nazism with its philosophy of racialism and German mission, is not likely to be more gentle to other peoples dropping under its grips than to Poles or Czechs in basic ways. It is also understood that newly two million Polish farmers have been placed under the strict supervision of German commissioners to produce food for Germany. Goering's new instructions, it would appear, also include ones according to which Germany is to have out of Poland this year four million tons of grain, twenty million tons of potatoes and round three fourths of the milk and butter produce. Also in Bohemia and Moravia the process of gaining charge of the economic life of the country out of Czech hands is being steadily pushed forward. From the occupied part of Poland farm labourers continue to be transported in large numbers to Germany. The daily transports the last few weeks have been showing an average of five thousand, according to an expert estimate. In the course of the present year a million are to be transported. For millions of Poles and even more for Czechs though for the while the latter might appear less hard pressed the continuation of a German rule as now projected mean not only political enslavement but also extension of severest of checks on cultural advancement, economic status and development, and beyond, to the very issue of their population level. Totalitarianism implies a new technique in the administration of regions annexed or attached.

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Government and to discuss interminably communal claims and counter-claims.

That is not our idea of Indian Freedom or the State that we seek to build.—"Indian National Herald."

Jawaharlal Says

Question Of Constituent Assembly Is Acid Test For All

Britain's Refusal Due To Her Imperialism: Muslim League And Liberals Oppose Because They Do Not Like Real Independence

Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru writes, in the course of his "Foreword" to Jai Gopal Narang's "Constituent Assembly":—

Circumstances, over which I had little control, made me a politician. They associated me with a great organisation and sometimes, perhaps, that association made to a difference to the course of events. Certainly it made a difference to me. I occupied positions of responsibility and dignity in that organisation, and the high privilege of working for a great cause in comradeship with many brave men and women was mine. How can I complain of something which has brought so much joy to me and fulfilment of life's purpose? I do not complain, of course, I am proud of my organisation, my comrades and the work we have done together. But still positions of responsibility and dignity are apt to cramp one's style, to limit one in some respects, to prevent one from that free expression of one's being in word and deed which, in a saner world, should be the natural prerogative of each individual.

DIFFICULTIES

These thoughts came to me when I was asked by Shri Jai Gopal Narang to write a foreword to his booklet. My first impulse was to refuse, indeed I wrote to express my regret. It was difficult for an active politician, however ill-fitted he might be for the role, to forget the native caution of his species. To write a foreword to a book might lead the reader to imagine an approval of everything contained in the book. It was probable that there was something in the book with which I did not agree; there might be much here and there which might complicate matters for me. And even if I agreed with the burden of the argument, the manner of presenting it might not be to my taste. In any event I had no business to commit even indirectly the organisation of which I was a member to something they might not like. So, without even looking into the book, I refused.

There was also another difficulty the problem of finding time on the eve of the Ramgarh Congress when there was so much to be done.

VITAL SUBJECT

And yet I was drawn to the manuscript and I glanced through it. I began to repent. I did not like everything it contained, but I did feel that it was a job competently done and deserving commendation. The subject was a vital one. Everyone was talking about it and some had written about it. And there were the critics, of course. And yet it was astonishing how few had given serious thought to the matter, and perhaps our critics, who had favoured us with their criticisms so generously, had given the least thought of all. There are a number of worthwhile writings on this subject. Shri M. N. Roy has written frequently; Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia has issued a pamphlet on behalf of the U. P. Provincial Congress Committee. Yet there is room for far more. It is immaterial whether one agrees or not with everything that is written in these brochures. It is enough that they force us to think of the varied implications of this idea which has become a solid fact in our politics to-day.

So I thought that I should commend this booklet to all who are interested in the Constituent Assembly. And this thought has led me to pen these lines in the small hours of the morning.

NO OTHER WAY

I can understand, though I do not appreciate, the criticisms of those who differ from us fundamentally in politics; those whose ideas of Indian freedom are limited by the will and desire of the British Parliament; those who are afraid of revolutionary change; those who are terrified at the prospect of the masses marching along the stage of Indian politics. But it has surprised me greatly to find some—there are not many—among those who claim to be the most ardent champions of Indian independence, who have also joined this band of critics.

I am convinced that there is no way out for us, if we aim at real democratic freedom, except through a Constituent Assembly. The alternatives are: (1) Continuation, in a greater or less degree, under the control of the British Parliament; (2) Some kind of fascist or military dictatorship or dictatorships; (3) Soviet communism in some parts of India with disruption and chaos in other parts; (4) Complete disruption and chaos.

SOVIETISM

For my part I would like to have a socialist economy all over India, and I think that the Soviet form of government, with certain variations and adaptations suited to India, may well fit in here. Thereby I do not mean that the Russian system or methods should be introduced here in toto. I disapprove of much that has been done there. I think that the Soviet system can be allied to a vast deal of real democracy. But any attempt to introduce sovietism in India would, I am sure, now and for sometime to come, lead to terrible conflicts and disruption. Whatever the outcome might be, and the outcome would be doubtful, the cost would be almost unbearable.

Therefore, of necessity, I am led to the conclusion that the way of the Constituent Assembly is the only way. But let it be remembered that this way is not the way of advancing step by step to the haven of Dominion Status. It means the creation of a new State; it means the walking out and away from the economic foundations and structure of imperialism. This cannot be done by the wisest of lawyers sitting together in conclave; it cannot be done by small committees trying to balance interests and calling that constitution-making; it can never be done under the shadow of an external authority. It can only be done effectively when the political and psychological conditions are present, and the urge and the sanctions come from the masses. Hence the vital importance of adult suffrage.

Are these political and psychological conditions present to-day? No, obviously not, or else we would have got the Constituent Assembly already. But I cannot say about to-morrow or the day after, for we live in dynamic and swiftly-moving times and all manner of forces are at play.

Why do we ask the British Government for a Constituent Assembly? Strictly speaking, we are not asking for any gift. We are stating what we propose to have and are going to have some time or other. We shall have it when we are strong enough for it, no sooner, and probably after a struggle. But, then, are we to refrain from saying what we want and aim at, because for the moment we cannot attain it?

Surely that is not even the way of preparation. And then it is never wise to rule out the odd possibility of gaining our objective otherwise, for our strength and world events may force the pace. To envisage this possibility does us no harm, unless it leads us to complacency and a giving up of the idea of struggle.

OUR IDEA

Why do we ask the British Government to acknowledge the independence of India? Does that make any difference? Of course it does, though it does not mean that we have gained our objective or that the British Government will not go back on their word. The mere fact that they refuse to acknowledge it, itself shows what value they attach to such a declaration. If there was such a clear declaration of Indian independence, of the right of the Indian people to frame their own constitution through a Constituent Assembly elected by adult franchise and without any external interference, that in itself would create a psychological situation of revolutionary significance. That in itself will not take us to our goal but it will strengthen us enormously and bring the masses into play.

ACID TEST FOR ALL

The question of Constituent Assembly is an acid test for all of us. It shows where each one of us stands. Britain refuses because she will not give up her imperialism. The Liberals in India, or the Muslim League, or other protestants, oppose because they do not want real independence and they have no conception of a new State, or, if they can conceive of it, they dislike it. Howsoever much they might dislike things as they are, they prefer them to that new free State where the people can make or unmake. Hence the objectives to adult suffrage, and even to large numbers of people being associated with this undertaking. Small committees of the elect are suggested whose chief function will be to move warily within the limits laid down by the British

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Tyrone Power, Linda Darnell and Warren William in "Day-time Wife" at the Regal.

Tyrone & Linda At The Regal

Here's another of those 'Man' Wife and Secretary' stories!

A smart get-together of romance and revelry in a story that's modern is to be found at the Regal Theatre in "Day-time Wife" This 20th Century Fox film stars Tyrone Power with lovely Linda Darnell the new "find" who has won top billing with her second screen appearance.

Screen fans will be delighted in seeing Tyrone in the type of light comedy role which set him on the path to fame. He's a perfectly swell guy, married to a peach wife, but he's in trouble up to his neck because there's something about a secretary: Tyrone portrays the hilarious going-on of a husband who goes whistling under the wrong balcony. Directed by Gregory Ratoff and written by Arthur and Robert Harari, the film gives Linda Darnell the opportunity to create a real sensation and pre-viewers agree that she does so. She's that little "lovely" who was the hit of the otherwise insipid "Hotel for Women."

Featured in the cast of "Day-time Wife" are Warren William, Binnie Barness, Wendy Barrie and Joan Davis all of whom are tops for this type of story.

It opens on the second anniversary celebration of Tyrone and Linda, but Tyrone's not there. He's had to work "late at the office". When the gay party swarms down town to drag the "worker" from his den they find the officer deserted and then the fun begins. There's a secretary in it, of course, but Linda's not going to give up her husband easily. So she decides to find out what secretaries have that wives haven't and gets a job. A delicious situation results when Linda's boss takes her to a dinner party to meet and talk business with Tyrone and his secretary.

MENAKA ON THE REVIVAL OF INDIAN CLASSICAL DANCE FORMS

AJMER (By Mail.)

The following are extracts from a speech delivered by Mrs. Leila Sokhey (Menaka), the famous Indian dancer, at a reception given to her and her ballet by the Rajputana Fine Arts Association:—

I am delighted to have the opportunity to talk to you about the dance, because I feel that it is with you that the future of the Indian dancing is. There is the greatest danger of this great art of ours perishing from the lack of an understanding public, and some easy meretricious posturing taking its place. I therefore feel that the first essential to preserving this art is an instructed and appreciative public who would mercilessly reject any spurious substitutes. First I want you to understand what actually goes to make a dance. Dance is essentially a series of rhythmic concerted movements and steps timed to music. Dance involves the rhythmic movement of the whole body, and to be a good dancer it is essential to have a fully trained body over which one has entire control. This trained body can then be used as an instrument to express the emotions and feelings of the dancer. How is one to come by this trained and supple body? There are various methods but they all involve exceedingly hard work. One cannot become a dancer on inspiration, overnight. In Europe the aspirant to become a Ballet dancer starts at the age of eight and spends years of vigorous disciplinary exercises to supple and control all the the muscles of the body and to get that most essential turned out position of the legs for which the joint at the hip must be absolutely loose and supple.

THE THREE SCHOOLS.

So, in India both the Schools of dancing in the South and also the Northern School, have very hard exercises and massage to gain the suppleness and control It takes several years of drastic training to make good Kathakali dancer or to dance the Sadir Nautch or the Kathak. Once one has gone through such training and not till then can one dare to dance at all. In India we have three Schools of classical dance as I have already mentioned. One in the North, the Kathak, danced by men and women and the second in the South, the Sadir Nautch or as popularly known Dasi Attam, danced by women and the third Kathakali danced by men.

This same adherence to tal. talam as it is called in South India is to be noticed in both Dasi Attam and the Kathakali. Here also though the foot rhythms though not so varied and complicated follow practically the same rules as in the Kathak. Hence we find that throughout India, be it North or South the dance is purely governed by the "tal" of the specified drum rhythms.

The Kathak has its origin in Bharta Natya Shastra; besides the Abhinaya or gestures of the dance portion the Kathak has developed the pure dance or 'nritya' more fully. The complicated and very difficult foot rhythms have reached a point of perfection. The Kathak also has most beautiful Bhawa. The hands are moved smoothly and rhythmically like the fishes swimming in a pool. There are no uneven and unrhythmic movements. The muscles of the chest and the breathing is timed and rhythms used according to the 'tal'. The eyes follow the movement of the hands. The hand is moved from side to side and at specified intervals of the 'tal'. The right side of the body is moved at the 'Som' and the left in the Khali 'tal' In case there are among you those who do not understand what is Som and Khali. I will take the example of Trital 16 matras where Som is the chief accent in the rhythmic cycle and Khali the unaccented portion. Then we come to the 'Taras.' Each Tara is a specified rhythmic series of foot rhythms which no matter what beat of the 'Tal' on which it stands or how much counter rhythm is involved, must end on the Som. You will now understand from this how complicated is the technique and how much control is involved and what a perfect sense of rhythm must be possessed by the performer.

TECHNIQUE IS ESSENTIAL.

I cannot overstress the fact that technique is fundamental to every art. There can be no art without mastery of technique germain in it. There is a great deal of confusion on the subject in India to-day. Mastery of technique takes time, labour and expense and several individual mistaken or otherwise have sedulously given currency to the idea that mastery of technique is not necessary. I shall, therefore, devote a few minutes to this very important point.

There can be no great art without highly developed technique. Mastery of technique does not nenessarily make one an artist, but without the mastery of technique no one can be an artist. Technique is the tool of an art. In the art of dance, the technique at once seems economy of movements and the same time fuller expression.

What distinguishes Indian dance from the dance of other countries is the Indian technique. The special movement of the body, hands, eyes, etc., evolver over a period of centuries in India are what makes Indian dance Indian. It is not the theme of the dance that makes a dance Indian or otherwise. Any given theme can conceivably be danced in any dance technique. Indian themes have been danced in Russian Ballet technique, but when so danced the dance does become Indian dance but remains Russian Classical Ballet.

REVIVAL OF INDIAN DANCE

It is a fact that different people all over the world have difficult dance techniques. Why it is so one does not know, but the fact is there—possibly it has something to do with the special build of the body of different people. Now the important thing is that the people of a country create and make a particular technique and that expresses their moods and aspirations better than other technique and from long association it appeals to them more than other technique. We in this country have created the most wonderful dance technique which have enriched the world of dance. But through the decay of social life in the country, our associations with our art forms have weakened and we are soon loosing our heritage. But luckily there is a desire on all sides for a revival of the art life of the country. This revival can be vigorous and purposeful only if it is built on the art forms peculiar to the country. In the sphere of dance, we must master the Indian techniques and when we have achieved this mastery, dance in India will again begin to grow. I do not wish to be understood to say that we should not go beyond what exists, but what I do mean is that our progress must be the basis of what is the special genius of our people. To throw away a glorious heritage of centuries would be indeed a great tragedy. If any assimilation is to take place it can be based only on the mastery of what is being assimilated. Let us get away from the barren lands of cheap imitation of the West. Take for instance the beautiful and superb foot rhythms of the Kathak dance, it is a beautiful gift from centuries of evolution. It is certainly difficult to learn but it does not for that reason meant being set aside.

Then there are also gestures to show how the mour mukuti of peacock crown of Krishna, to show the drawing of water from the well, to show the putting of the jewels or garlands, the holding of the veil. The raising of the veil and of covering the face with the veil, for calling the Gopis and many others. There are gestures depicting the story of Shiva and Parvati. All exceedingly lovely to look at and which some of the members of my company will shortly demostrate to you. From what I have said you will see that our ancient heritage is a marvellous technique. We cannot afford to reject this marvellous technique that has come down to us through the ages. All who wish to become dancers must master the technique extant. Dance cannot be learnt from writing and sculptures. It can be learnt only from living exponents. Fortunately there are still masters left, old men with a perfect beauty of movement which it is hard to excel but their numbers are already diminishing. These Gurus of the dances from both North and South should be collected together and a school formed where they can teach their art, so that in the younger generation we may have hopes of producing really great dancers.

Lew Ayres and Lionel Barrymo re in "The Secret of Dr. Kildare" at the Metro.

Dr. Kildare Is Here Again

Young Dr. Jimmy Kildare sets out to save a beautiful girl who would rather die than reveal the secret which would save her, in a gripping drama of mystery, romance and medical wonders in "The Secret of Dr. Kildare," third of the scientific detective series, now showing at the Metro Theatre with Lew Ayres as the young doctor and Lionel Barrymore as the veteran Dr. Gillespie, his scourge and guide.

The new picture deals with a weird mental malady of a beautiful heiress, which medicine fails to solve. Ayres turns detective to trail the mystery down to the machinations of a fanatical nurse and a quack doctor. Based on the popular story by Max Brand, the picture moves with rapid tempo under the direction of Harold S. Bucquet.

Ayres in the title role is convincingly earnest and yet injects whimsical lightness into many of the picture's episodes. Barrymore is perfect as the irascible old diagnostician and indulges in comedy of a Mark Twainish nature when he takes part in a game of "craps" with his servant.

Ayres and Barrymore are given effective support by an excellent group of players, among them Lionel Atwill as the millionaire father of the "mystery patient," Helen Gilbert as the girl in the thrall of an unknown terror, Nat Pendleton as the brawny ambulance driver and Laraine Day as Ayres' nurse-sweetheart who figures in an hilarious episode when Barrymore becomes ill and has to follow her orders.

The dramatic highlights include the restoration of a girl's sight by mental suggestion and Barrymore's healing of a paralytic boy by a new medical discovery.

News!

"March Of Time" At Regal

This month "The March of Time," at the Regal, in, "Newsfronts of War-1940." Brings to the screen the story of one of America's largest newsgathering organizations, and explains how its central office keeps in touch with the everchanging news centres of the world.

In New York City's Rockefeller Centre are the main offices of the Associated Press co-operatively owned and controlled by 1400 member papers. For 91 years A. P. stories have appeared as front-page news, and A. P. editors and reporters have been the first to receive word of many of modern history's greatest events. To-day there are 664 foreign correspondents, and since the outbreak of the Second World War A. P.'s cables and wireless circuits have more than tripled their peace-time load.

"The March of Time" stresses the importance in this war of journalism's latest development—transmission of newspictures by radio and cable. A. P. can retransmit pictures to member papers over ordinary telephone wires making pictorial coverage almost simultaneous with the report itself.

To meet the growing public demand for stories and pictures of day-by-day happenings, A. P. stories are also flashed to the studios of radio networks for broadcasts.

From the central New York office, "The March of Time" turns to A.P.'s foreign bureaux, showing how during 1939 one of the most important newsfronts, Spain has received from the front line—after the fall of Madrid and the end of Civil War To take its place, and perhaps to become a more lasting news centre, Russia has emerged again into European affairs, following the startling Russo-German alliance. On the 22nd anniversary of the Russian Revolution, Stalin's Foreign Minister Viacheslav Molotov, denounced England and France as capitalist instigators of war, criticized the U. S. as an unneutral war profiteer, the film surveys the abundance of raw materials, which Germany needs to obtain from Russia to fight the Second World War. New cities have been developed around the Ural mountain. Iron deposits. Russia is the second largest gold-producing country in the world, and its oil fields could provide enough fuel for the greatest of military machines.

Hitler has assured his people that Russia will supply all raw materials for Germany, but qualified observers in both countries are agreed that there is one problem, as yet far from solved transportation. Although Soviet industries have been speeded up and totally reorganised, railroads and canal systems, of this vast territory are inadequate for home distribution, let alone for the task of exportation which now faces them. Germany could dodge the British blockade by way of Leningrad, through the White Sea-Baltic Canal, to Murmansk, but this waterway is frozen solid for four months of each year, and in any case can only accommodate ships of shallow draft.

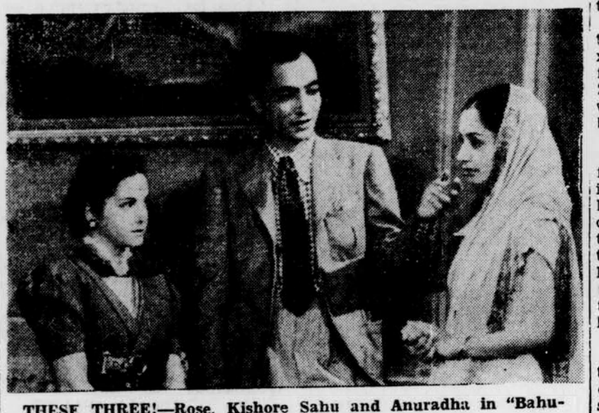
Russia has already gained by her alliance with Germany. But what her real aims may be-war, peace or world revolution stories from the newsfront of 1940 will reveal.

'Lambeth Walk' At Capitol

British Comedy Revived

"Lambeth Walk," the British comedy is revived this week at Capitol.

The popular dance, of course, is of the highlights of the production, and that, allied to the generally good performance by every member of the cast, and the music by Noel Gay, make "The Lambeth Walk" a comedy hit, even though the direction and production is not of a very high order. From the opening shot, set in the famous London suburb, to the hilarious reunion of the two Cockney lovers. "The Lambeth Walk", is strongly marked by a lively British brand of humour. The star performance is that of "Bill," the hero, a little Cockney with all the lovable traits of his class, traits which even social snobbery cannot smother.



THESE THREE!—Rose, Kishore Sahu and Anuradha in "Bahu-rani," India Artists' forthcoming release.

WHAT A DOCTOR CAN AND CAN'T DO

When audiences see Lew Ayres, as young Dr. Jimmy Kildare, take a patient's blood-pressure in "The Secret of Dr. Kildare", medical-detective romance, with Lionel Barrymore, they will see the seemingly casual result of a rather grim lesson.

Ayres went under the tutelage of Dr. Gilbert Lee, medical adviser on the picture, to learn how to use the pressure device, known as the sphygmomanometer. The doctor showed him how to grip the person's wrist under his left arm, holding it firm while applying the device.

"I learned the trick in a private hospital", Dr. Lee told the actor. "The patients were mental cases. Usually they jumped about, so I figured this hold for them."

"The Secret of Dr. Kildare", based on Max Brand's story of the same title, deals with the strange mental disorder of a beautiful girl. Ayres, as Dr. Kildare, turns detective under the guidance of Barrymore, in the role of the veteran Dr. Gillespie, to trace the trouble down to the machinations of a fanatical nurse and a quack doctor.

WAR FORCES MOVIE LOCALE CHANGE

The European war this week forced 20th Century-Fox to shift the locale of a movie.

The studio had planned to use the little Tyrolean town of Mirnau in Austria for a background for "I Was an Adventuress", the Zorina-Richard Greens story which was written many months before hostilities started.

Needing background footage from Mirnau, the studio asked its European executive, Russell Muth, to try to send a camera crew through Switzerland into the Tyrol. Muth reported back to Director Gregory Ratoff that Mirnau had become by this time a barracks town supplying troops to the nearby Siegfried Line.

Ratoff has changed the locale to the French Riviera and a camera crew is there now, shooting several thousand feet of scenery.

MORNING SHOW AT CAPITOL FOR CHILDREN

On Sunday (tomorrow) there will be a morning show at 10-30 A. M. at the Capitol, when a programme of New Mickey Mouse and Silly-Symphony whimsicalities will be shown. Sweets will be given to all children.

ALL-FUN SHOW AT METRO ON SUNDAY MORNING

An all-comedy programme of shorts is the special attraction at the Metro tomorrow (Sunday) morning at 10 o'clock. The funfare consists of Laurel and Hardy, Mickey Mouse, our Gang and Cartoons.

Library To Collect Notes On Steamboat

Voluminous notes made by Robert Fulton in planning and building the first successful steamboat, the Clermont, have been compiled in book form by 20th Century-Fox for use as a reference work at the studio.

Almost every available scrap of information was gathered by the studio research experts in preparation for the filming of "Little Old New York."

The data, particularly the notes, letters and instructions written by Fulton, proved so interesting that Darryl F. Zanuck, studio production head, ordered them compiled in book form so that they would be available for future use in pictures dealing with the era at the turn of the 19th century.

A scene from "Flying Deuces" at the New Empire.

"LADY OF THE TROPICS" Revived At Broadway

Packed with drama and romance of the conventional 'glamorized', 'mystic' Orient, "Lady of the Tropics" now revived at the Broadway. With two stars, Robert Taylor and the much talked-about Hedy Lamarr in the leads, this picture is beautifully photographed.

Taylor plays the role of a young, penniless American who, arriving in Saigon, meets and falls in love with Manon, the beautiful Eurasian played by Miss Lamarr. Hopeful of leaving Indo-China to establish herself as a French woman, she is prevented by Delaroch, portrayed by Joseph Schildkraut, who is madly in love with her. She becomes the young American's bride but Delaroch continues to keep her shackled to the East.

During her young husband's absence in the interior, Manon feigns friendship for Delaroch to obtain passports for herself and her husband. Misunderstanding, the husband quarrels with Manon and threatens to kill Delaroch. To save her husband, Manon finds her own solution in a tensely dramatic climax.

The setting for the story is Indo-China, the crossroads of the East where people of all classes and races intermingle beneath a devastating tropical sun.

CHANG
the Chinese wizard at the Excelsior.

Another Week Of CHANG

Chinese Wizard At Excelsior

Chang, the Chinese wizard, continues to be exceedingly popular at the Excelsior where his season is extended by another week.

The mainstay of his show is, of course, the startling quality of the magical feats performed by him—equalling the wizardry of some of the world's greatest magicians. To this he adds a poise and infectious sense of humour which at once make him popular with the audience. His incidental chatter, in unnecessary pidgin, is as entertaining as his feats are astounding.

Some of his 'tricks' have been worked into interesting ballets which are staged against lavish settings.

Other dance items, particularly the work of Joanna Claire, the principal dancer, are good examples of American choreography.

All in all, it is a show that must be seen for its unusual qualities. If only they would reduce the prices thus making it possible for a larger number of people of modest incomes to see the show! Here is a suggestion that Mr. Chang and his management may well consider.

"BEAU GESTE" AT — THE NOVELTY

The rousing, exciting production of "Beau Geste" a story of three gallant brothers, who find high adventure in the French Foreign Legion, with the three stars Gary Cooper, Ray Milland, and Robert Preston is revived this week at Novelty. In this picture which comes this week at the Novelty (Grant Road tram terminus) Gary Cooper is cast in the role as "Beau", eldest, wisest, the leader of the brothers.

The thrilling exciting story tells how the brothers join the legion, in order that none shall be accused of the theft of a valuable sapphire, the "Blue Water" from their guardian. They bear the harsh treatment of a mad brutal sergeant, who is determined to wrest the gem from them, suspecting that one of them has it in his possession. Although "Beau Geste" is crammed with action, there are also tender moments of romance.

MILLOWNERS ADAMANT

ARBITRATION PROPOSAL REJECTED

Mayor's Talks With Labour Representatives

STRIKE RELIEF COMMITTEE'S APPEAL FOR FUNDS

A deputation of Labour representatives met Mr. B. N. Karanjia, the Mayor and discussed with him the strike situation, for about 45 minutes on Friday afternoon.

G. K. U.'s OFFER

It is understood that they conveyed to him the offer of the Managing Committee of the Girni Kamgar Union, expressing its willingness to refer the dispute regarding dearness allowance to arbitration. They suggested however, that the purpose of the arbitration should be to reconcile the conflicting figures of 13 per cent. increase in the cost of living as admitted by the majority of the Conciliation Board and 20 per cent. accepted by the minority.

They emphasized that this offer would be open for one week

Questioned regarding the personal of the arbitration, the Labour representatives are understood to have said that it would be premature to discuss the personnel before the owners had agreed to the principle of arbitration, as also the terms of reference.

It was also pointed out to the Mayor, on behalf of Labour, that workers' representatives were prepared to settle the dispute by mutual discussion, though they thought it would be fruitless in the light of their experience of the attitude of the owners.

The deputation consisted of Messrs. R. S. Nimbkar, S. V. Parulekar, S. V. Deshpande, N. V. Phadke, G. S. Tambitkar and Mahommed Siddique Bakshi.

Millowners Adamant

The Millowners' Association on the other hand appears to be completely opposed to the idea of arbitration. It is doubtful if they will see the Mayor at all.

A spokesman of the Millowners stated in an interview to the Press:

"Under no circumstance are we agreeable to arbitration; this is our final reply".

Curt Reply To B. P. C. C.

The Girni Kamgar Union having communicated its decision to the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, the latter body sent a copy of the letter to the Millowners' Association with a definite query asking them if they were agreeable to arbitration The Association, it is understood, sent a brief note in reply, enclosing a copy of the speech made by Mr. T V. Baddeley at the annual general meeting of the Association on Monday last.

It may be remembered that in the course of this speech Mr. Baddeley had said:—

"There can be no question of our agreeing to pay a pie more than we have already offered for peace".

Reply To Govt.

"The Association has also sent a reply to the Government with regard to the question of payment of bonus to workers on war profits.

Where Strikers Have Gone Back To Work

The strike in two of the woollen mills in the city, the Indian woollen and Usha has terminated, the workers having resumed duty on Friday morning.

The workers of the Ambika Silk Mills, Tulsi Pipe Road have also resumed work, the owners having, at the intervention of the labour officer, agreed to take them back unconditionally.

Godrej Soap Strike

The strike in the Godrej Soap factory is going on. The workers held a meeting at the DeLisle Road Maidan and resolved to continue the strike till their demand for a 15 per cent war allowance was granted.

Sectional meetings were held as usual in the morning at Shivaji Park, Kamgar Maidan, Sewri and Madanpura when resolutions condemning the arrest of Mr. L. V. Oak were adopted.

Women Workers Storm Jinnah Hall Meeting

A middle-class women's meeting, proposed to be held at Jinnah Hall, was stormed by women workers on Friday. The venue of the meeting, in view of the large and unexpected invasion of the working-class women, had to be shifted to the compound of the Congress Hall. Miss Godavari Gokhale, Miss Wagle and Mrs Sunderabai, an old woman worker addressed the gathering.

LEADERS' ARREST CONDEMNED

The Executive of the B. B. & C. I Railway Workers' Union passed a resolution condemning the arrests of Messrs. Oak and Sajjad Zaher of Lucknow, under Government of India Defence Rules.

At a Soapworkers' rally at Madanapura, workers were exhorted to observe one-day strike on March 18. The workers decided to observe the "hartal".

The same appeal was made at another meeting at Shivaji Park, held under the auspices of the Tramway Men's Union.

RALLY AT WORLI MAIDAN

But the biggest rally of the evening was at Jambori Maidan Worli, where Mr. Mohommed Shaheed presided.

How preparations for the hartal on March 18, were to be made was explained by Mr. S. V. Parulekar. From the midnight of March 17, the strikers of the textile Mills should go round their respective chawls and request everyone not to go to work. Therefore, the responsibility of turning that day's hartal into a complete success devolved on them

NIMBKAR EXPLAINS SITUATION

Mr. R. S. Nimbkar explained the reply they had given to the arbitration proposal made by the B. P. C. C. He pointed out that their strike had elicited general support from the Congress and from the public and as such, if they spurned the Congress offer and remained intransigent, they might unnecessarily injure the feelings of the public.

With regard to the acceptance of arrears, Mr. Nimbkar stated that they might decide to receive them. But the dearness allowance proposed by the millowners at present, he emphasised, should under no circumstances be accepted by the workers. As no final decision had been made with regard to the question of accepting their wages remaining in arrears, he suggested that five leaders or departmental heads of each mill might attend a Conference to be convened on Saturday night when the question would be finally settled.

"UNFOUNDED FEARS"

With regard to the fears raised and expressed by certain workers that they might not be allowed to come out, once they went into their respective mills, in order to accept their wages, Mr. Nimbkar said that those fears were unfounded. Nor could there be any question of dismissal. They had worked for 4 days in March and further they had gone on strike in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Industrial Trade Dispute Act.

Concluding he appealed to the workers to enrol themselves as Members of the G. K. U.

Among others who addressed the gathering were Messrs. S. V. Deshpande and Nagarkar.

A resolution condemning the arrest of Mr. Oak was passed at the meeting. The gathering was also shown the injuries sustained by a striker at Gorupdeo on that day.

After the rally was over, a man was arrested by the Police for contravening the Commissioner's order in carrying a flag with a staff.

STRIKE RELIEF COMMITTEE'S APPEAL

The Strike Relief Committee met at the Servants of India Society Hall under the Presidentship of Mr. S. A Brelvi. It is understood that the Committee decided to issue a general appeal to the public and to approach associations and institutions for funds in order to support the strikers. In this connection, sub-Committees are to be appointed.

The Executive Committee of the Thana Students' Association passed a resolution congratulating the Bombay mill-workers on their fight, appreciating their attitude and condemning the arrest of labour leaders.

Marwari Conference Pandal Gutted

CAWNPORE, March 15.

A disastrous fire which broke out at 2 p. m. completely destroyed the pandal at the Queen's Park, where the third session of the All-India Marwari Federation was to be held at 3 p. m to-day.

Four fire engines brought the fire under control after strenuous struggle. The cause of the fire is unknown. Police investigation is going on.—United Press.

NO ROAD SERVICE ON GOOD FRIDAY

The office of the W. I. A. A. will be closed on Good Friday. Members and others will note that Road Patrols and the W. I. A. A. Road Service car will not be available therefore from 6 a.m. on March 22nd until 10 a.m. on March 23rd.

Timber Workers Demand War Allowance

BOMBAY, Friday.

Three hundred men of Messrs. Mackenzie & Co., Timber Merchants, went on strike this morning. They demand 20 per cent. dearness allowance, 8-hour day and work for at least 24 days in a month.

The strikers approached Mr. D. V. Pradhan, General Secretary of the Timber Workers' Union and a meeting of the strikers will be held this evening.

Saw Mill Workers' Stay-In Strike

BOMBAY, Friday.

Three hundred men in Mackenzie Saw Mills at Sewri downed tools this morning and have gone on a stay-in-strike following a demand for a dearness allowance.

20 ARRESTED IN DALMIANAGAR STRIKE

PATNA, March 14.

Mr. Habibur Rahman and 20 others have been arrested at Dalmianagar in connection with the strike situation according to a report received here.—A. P.

Ahmedabad Dispute Before Industrial Court

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, March 14.

Hearing of the dearness allowance dispute between Ahmedabad labour and millowners will begin from March 18 before a Full Bench Industrial Court of Messrs. Divetia, Rajadhyax and the Sessions Judge of Sholapur. Both Majur Mahajan Association and Millowners have now completed their cases.

Representatives of both parties will start for Bombay on March 17. Millowners have engaged Mr. Daftari and Mr. Amin, prominent lawyers of Bombay for their case.

HINDU MAHASABHA DISOWNS ITS REPRESENTATIVE

Messrs. V. R. Chodankar, G. B. Parmekar, Bapu Ramchandra Todakar, R. G. Phatak, Kashiram Govindram Chahavala, Y. A. Tendulkar, P. D. Bhave, G. G. Adhikari send the following:—

It is learnt from the newspapers that Mr. M. N. Talpade opposed the motion of suspending the Corporation meeting held on 11th March, in sympathy with the labour leaders arrested by the Government.

To represent Hindu Mahasabha view Mr Talpade's candidature to the Bombay Corporation was supported by the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha Mr Talpade was the Secretary of the Sabha last year and he is one of the members of the Working Committee of the Sabha this year.

Though he is a Hindu Mahasabha representative his present activities have absolutely disqualified him to speak on behalf of the Hindu Mahasabha In spite of this fact, the public at large still think that Mr. Talpade's strange views represent the Hindu Mahasabha view. So we, the undersigned Hindusabhaites, according to the principles of the Hindu Mahasabha, emphatically disagree with the opinion he has expressed in opposing the motion in the Corporation.

ECHO OF C. D. IN TRAVANCORE

Fourteen Convicted For Incendiarism, Rioting And Unlawful Assembly

QUILON, March 14.

In the case in which 31 persons are charged in connection with setting fire to a State transport bus here during the Travancore State Congress Civil Disobedience campaign in 1938, fourteen persons were sentenced by the Additional Sessions Judge, Quilon, to varying terms of imprisonment.

R. C. Kesavan, who was a prominent State Congress member, and five others were sentenced to three years rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 50 in default to two months' further imprisonment, the charges against them being mischief by fire, unlawful assembly or rioting in some instances.

EARLIER CONVICTIONS.

Some of these accused, including Mr. Kesavan, were sentenced on Tuesday by the first class Magistrate, Quilon, on charge of unlawful assembly and rioting etc., in connection with stoning of police during the Civil Disobedience campaign, to one years simple imprisonment and Rs. 100 fine in default to two months' further imprisonment.—A. P.

LOYALTY OF KAPURTHALA

Viceroy's Reply To Address At State Banquet

KAPURTHALA, March 15.

His Excellency the Viceroy speaking at the State banquet said:

"I am grateful, too, to Your Highness for the references which you have been kind enough to make to my endeavours to contribute to the solution of the great constitutional problems of India.

"The Empire is passing through a most critical phase of its long history, and the loyalty of the princes of India was never more valuable or more appreciated. It is clear in this war, as in that of 1914-18, that Kapurthala is second to no state in its loyalty and devotion to the Crown and that Your Highness' martial subjects, by rallying to the Empire's call, are once more proving themselves true to the glorious traditions of the past".

Referring to the Caxton Hall outrage His Excellency said:

"I deeply appreciate the reference which Your Highness has just made to the tragic events of two days ago. This dreadful outrage has met with universal condemnation in India from every party and every class. In Sir Michael O'Dwyer India and the Empire lose a great distinguished Administrator whose interest in India remained unflagging to the end."

Banquet To Viceroy

Feelings of horror at the dastardly outrage in Caxton Hall, London, were expressed by His Highness the Maharaja of Kapurthala speaking at a banquet tonight given in honour of Their Excellencies the Viceroy and the Marchioness of Linlithgow.

The Maharaja pair a glowing tribute to Their Excellencies the Viceroy and the Marchioness of Linlithgow and was confident that under the able guidance of Lord Linlithgow India would advance rapidly to her goal and find herself occupying a prominent place in the Commonwealth of Nations. His Highness added: "I and my brother princes are convinced that whatever shape the future constitution of India may take, their historic influence in the body-politic of India will be fully recognised and their rights, prerogatives and prestige will be adequately protected."

Muslim Radical Party

(From A Correspondent).

At a meeting of Muslims holding progressive views held at 'Moledina House' Bombay, a Muslim Radical Party was formed with Mr. Mohamed Ahsan and Yousuf Moledina as President and Secretary respectively. Membership of the party is restricted to those who believe in the creed of the All-India Muslim League and agree to follow the programme and policy of the Muslim League.

The objects of the party among others will be the creation of politically conscious active workers to fight for 'real' political freedom and economic emancipation of the Muslim masses; to support every movement for the uplift of Labour, Kisans and the oppressed masses and to fight for the safeguard of the rights of the Muslims and other minorities.

The party will work towards co-ordinating and consolidating the activities of progressive Muslims all over the country.

PROTEST AGAINST ATTACK ON CIVIL LIBERTIES

The Joint Secretary, B. C. L. U. writes:

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bombay Civil Liberties Union was held on 14th inst. at 7-30 p.m. at the Servants of India Society's Hall when resolutions were passed on the arrests of Messrs. B. T. Randive, S. A. Dange and S. S. Mirajkar under the Defence of India Act; the orders issued by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, prohibiting processions, meetings and shouting of slogans in the mill area and the prosecution of Mr. S. V. Parulekar on a charge of sedition and promoting class hatred.

The meeting requested Mr. A. S. R. Chari to defend Mr. S. V. Parulekar on behalf of the Bombay Civil Liberties Union.

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Kalam as "Young in years but old in learning."

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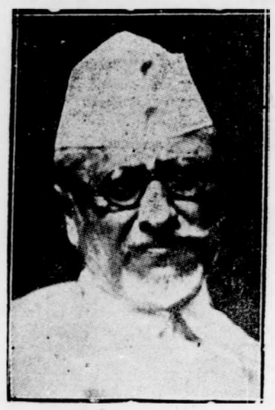
His conscious political life, though a little older, can be definitely traced back to 1912 when he began to give expression to his mature thoughts in his journal "Alhilal", which was the first of its kind in India and which at the time compared favourably with the standard journals of the West in respect of form and substance. Not only in thought but in expression he struck an original line of advance and founded a style in Urdu writing which has influenced numerous writers during the last 30 years. He was convinced that a revolution in Muslim thought was urgently called for and "Alhilal" was the medium through which he wanted to achieve his end. It was about this time that he began to publish, along with political essays, a series of discourses on religious subjects which fired educated minds dissatisfied with stagnant dogmatism with a new enthusiasm. He laid the foundation of a new school of rational criticism and discussion in theo-



Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

logical controversy. Like the Poet Iqbal he set most of the educated Mussalmans of India thinking about the fundamental and vital problems of life.

The popularity which "Alhilal" achieved among the Indian Mussalmans within two or three months of its appearance was phenomenal. It became an organ of advanced political thought and rational religious instruction no less than a model of dignified and persuasive literature. Up to this day its old copies are treasured by their possessors.

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Hitherto both in religion and in politics the educated Mussalmans of the day used to look upon the Aligarh school of thought as the final source of guidance. As every one, familiar with Muslim political thought in India, is aware, after having attended the Congress once, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan concentrated on Muslim education and drew the Muslims away from politics. In 1903 under official guidance, the Muslim League came to be founded as the organ of the Muslim political opinion. The aim of the League as declared then was to foster loyalty to the British Crown and British officials used to look upon the League as an instrument of their political policy. Even the famous "Comrade" which the late Maulana Mohammad Ali had founded in Calcutta in 1911, in its earlier phases drew its inspiration from the Aligarh school of thought. Abul Kalam Azad initiated a vigorous campaign against this school of thought in his journal and invited the Muslims to cooperate with the Congress in liberating the country from foreign domination. The politicians of the old school of thought were startled. Even Maulana Mohammad Ali in the beginning showed a marked tendency to counteract the effect which the "Alhilal" was producing among the Indian Mussalmans. The "Alhilal" gradually but steadily made its way into the hearts of progressive Mussalmans and the stagnant waters of orthodoxy and indifference were stirred to their very depth.

From the day of its appearance in 1912 to the day it ceased publication in 1915 under the Defence of India Act the "Alhilal" exercised a powerful influence among the Indian Mussalmans, and up to this day neither in form nor substance has it been surpassed, though many efforts have been made by several aspirants to reproduce its excellence. At first the Government snuffed it out of existence in 1915. Abul Kalam's irrepressible genius, however, blossomed out in the "Albalagh" which he brought out after the cessation of the "Alhilal." It had scarcely been in existence for a few months, when in April 1916, the Government of Bengal externed him from that province. The Punjab, U. P., Bombay and other Governments had already declared him an unwelcome guest, and he was constrained to remove himself to Ranchi where he was interned five months after his arrival there. He was released in 1920. When he emerged from his internment (he was the last of those who had been interned during the Great War to be released), he was hailed by the united body of Muslim theologians of India as a clear thinker who had earned the right to be respected.

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The revolution which Abul Kalam's writings and speeches had brought about in the outlook of the Indian Mussalmans began to reveal itself in 1913 even in the Muslim League of the day. Sir Syed Wazir Hassan (then Mr. Syed Wazir Hassan) met the Maulana in 1913 as the Secretary of the League, and suggested that the League should change its previous aim of blind submission to autocracy to "a suitable form of self-government." The Congress had not gone much farther either, although Dadabhai Naoroji had introduced the word "Swaraj" into Congress politics. Maulana Abul Kalam was of the opinion that this was not enough. However, even this was rather a big leap for the League.

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He met Mahatma Gandhi in 1921, since when he has continued to be one of the staunchest supporters of the non-violent school of thought. He has held the high office of the President of the Muslim League and the old All-India Khilafat Committee and in 1923 he definitely aligned himself with the Old Swaraj Party, and was one of the late C. R. Das and Pt. Motilal Nehru's effective collaborators. Towards the last quarter of 1923, the controversy between the Swarajists and the No-changers, which had arisen out of the majority and minority report of the C. D. Committee, reached its climax and it was decided to settle the controversy at a special session of the Congress. Muslim Congressmen, like the Hindus, were divided with the late Hakim Ajmal Khan and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, with several others in the Swarajist, and Maulana Mohammad Ali and Dr. Ansari in the No-changers' camp. Maulana Azad was elected the President of the historic Special Session, held at Delhi, when the Congress lifted the ban from the parliamentary programme and permitted the Swarajists to enter the legislature to oppose the Governments of the day. Since then Maulana has firmly adhered to the political school of thought, which has advocated the combination of the parliamentary and the non-parliamentary programmes of the Congress. In 1924 he decided to divide his residence between Delhi and Calcutta, to resume his literary activities and to conclude and publish his translation and commentary of the Quran, at a printing house established for the purpose in Delhi but the stress of multifarious activities compelled him to return to and stay in Calcutta. His translation of the Quran and his commentary is one of his most popular works. His association with the Working Committee of the A. I. C. C. is nearly as old as the Committee itself, but his connection with the League as also of many other Nationalist Muslims ceased when its affairs passed into the hands of a group who began to use it as an instrument for reactionary purposes. His active connection with the Khilafat Committee also abated when circumstances led to a contraction of its activities. He has, however, been constantly associated with the Jamiatul-Ulemai-Hind; and he misses no opportunity of renewing his contacts with this influential body of recognised theologians and their associates. This is a body of doctors of Muslim theology who count their religious followers among the masses by the million, despite the League's loud denunciation of these divines for holding advanced political views, although they have suffered in numerous ways for their convictions. During the climax of the Khilafat movement the Jamiat laid down the law for the Indian Muslims. It is strange to find that nearly all the moderates and reactionaries, who were eclipsed in those days by the Ulema, have mustered strong under the banner of the League in the name of Islam, and in support of the slogan "Mussalmans in Danger." However, Maulana Abul Kalam has never wavered in his allegiance to the true spirit of Islam, which is supra-national and is opposed to the narrowness which is bred by racial or tribal prejudices. He clings consciously and deliberately with unshakable tenacity to the earlier traditions and the memorable example of the Prophet who, when he was offered a "Kingly Crown", if only he abjured the "heresy" of denouncing the idols of the ancient Arabs, retorted that even if they could place the sun and the moon into his hands, he would not deviate from the path of truth. What can be easier for him than to follow the path of the least resistance as many a lesser Mussalman is doing to-day, and in a day receive the allegiance of nine crore of Mussalmans as a divine of unquestioned preeminence, and once for all hoist his traducers by their own petard? But he knows his duty both by the country and by the nine crore Mussalmans, over whose vital interests he stands guard despite a hundred and one difficulties. Even if the credulous and the unscrupulous left him in a minority of one, he would not swerve from the path, which alone he knows to be the correct one. He has done his utmost to bring about a rapprochement between the Congress and the League and has experienced bitter disappointment, each time the dictator of the League has spurned these approaches. He has reasoned with some of the leading Mussalmans, who for one reason or another have associated themselves with the League and begged them to bring to the negative controversies of the day some constructive contributions only to find that in the opinion of the League High Command the time is not yet!

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In 1933-34 when there was a proposal to revive the old Swaraj Party under Dr. Ansari's leadership, he lent his full weight to the parliamentary programme and was eventually elected to the Parliamentary Sub-Committee of the A. I. C. C., at the end of 1935, after the earlier Parliamentary Board had been converted into the P. S. C. His influence in the Working Committee and with Mahatma Gandhi has always counted for a great deal; but ever since the death of Hakim Ajmal Khan and Dr. Ansari his views on questions relating to the Indian Mussalmans carry even greater weight in the Congress circles.

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By nature he is one of those who long to take a back seat and shrink from demonstrative situations. He is indisputably one of the greatest orators of Urdu whose speeches attract record audiences but his innate disinclination to face crowds leads him to decline most requests to address big gatherings. This unconquerable shyness of Maulana Azad is almost invariably misunderstood by superficial observers as overweening pride or a pose of superiority. He has a sensitive soul, and is one of the acutest of observers, whose intelligence is sharp and whose cerebrations are quick as light. He is a shrewd judge of men, but he seldom permits himself to be read easily. In congenial company he is a sparkling conversationalist with a rare sense of humour. When not in his element he is capable of almost oppressive reticence. He can be devastating in debate and convincing in discussion for he makes apt use of the enormous storehouse of his erudition. His habits are astonishingly regular. He invariably rises at five in the morning. Soon after dawn the stream of visitors begins to pour in, if he is on tour, and till mid-day he has to disentangle public and personal skeins which a variety of known and unknown persons bring to him. Sometimes people bring him subtle religious problems to solve and curious doubts to dispel which he does with a patience surprising in one so sensitive. He is nothing but obliging and polite even to his traducers and it is doubtful whether any one has seen him in a temper. He loves a Turkish bath after a heavy day or a long journey, and although he quickly withdraws into himself in what may be described as the company of the "smart set", he flourishes in the company of select friends. Occasional outings with such friends are his only escapes from the "madding crowd." His personal belongings abound in the latest books, English and Oriental and journals from the Near East and Egypt. He dresses and lives simply but loves neatness. His reticence about himself is the despair of his friends who can scarcely succeed in drawing anything of a personal nature out of him.

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It is difficult to compress all one can say about him into a brief sketch. He is a man of rare gifts, whose towering personality cannot be dwarfed by the others' political prejudices whether born of ignorance or of malice. In non-Muslim circles he is better known by his political association than by the still greater qualities which lend to his personality a stature, rarely achieved in the intellectual world. He yearns and longs to find the time to give himself an opportunity for intellectual work, but the urgency of the political call is so clearly concrete to his mind and the need of the millions so intensely felt by him that he would rather sacrifice the dearest desire of his heart than ignore this call. None who knows him can resist the charm of his personality. To know him is to love and respect and admire him.—United Press.

Mr. H. N. Ashar, Manager of Bharat Insurance Company's Bombay office, gave a party to Sir Lakhdirsingh of Morvi.

Our Readers Views

Sterling Debt Redemption

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—The move of the Government of India for the conversion of some of the Indian sterling loans to rupee loans in India is a step in the right direction. The Indian public opinion has been making this demand for a long time past, and the present move, whatever might be the considerations which have impelled the Government of India to carry out this operation at present, is in the right direction. The Reserve Bank has been able to buy a big amount of sterling in consequence of increased exports from India due to War. In addition, the sterling paid by the British Government in London and the sterling acquired by the increased purchases of silver led to a big accumulation of sterling. The reduction in sterling securities in the Issue Department due to their sale in 1937-38 on account of the inability of the Government of India to purchase sterling in India was rapidly made good and a big amount of sterling securities purchased in addition and placed in the Issue Department against a corresponding issue of rupee notes in India. The note circulation in consequence increased by more than Rs. 75 crores since the start of the War. The conversion operation initiated by the Government of India will very greatly minimise the difficulties of the Government in times of decreased exports and the consequent weak rupee-sterling exchange. The sale of sterling securities in London on such occasions, from the Issue Department, and the consequent cancellation of notes in India leads to deflation and tight money conditions in India with its consequent reaction on the gilt-edge market in India. The present move, therefore, will gradually obviate the necessity of purchasing a big amount of sterling every year for meeting the home charges of the Government of India. Although the conversion helps the British Treasury by releasing so much sterling to be re-invested in British War loan, it does help India as well. The investment demand in India is substantial enough to absorb the additional issue of the respective rupee loans in India and there does not appear to be any chance of its depressing the gilt-edge market in India in view of the steady conditions in the London Market. The criticism, therefore of the present move of the Government, on that score does not appear to be well founded.—Yours etc.,

R. J. MANEKSHAW.

NO TAX THREAT IN KALYAN

Kisan March And Deputation To Magistrate

(From Our Correspondent)

KALYAN, March 14.

"Bring into effect by the end of this month, the Tenancy Legislation, the Agricultural Relief Act and in view of the failure of crops, withhold assistance to the Sahukars and Zemindars in recovering their rents from the starving peasants or be prepared for the consequences of a no-rent campaign" this was the warning conveyed in trenchant terms to the Government yesterday in a speech delivered by Mr. Shamrao Parulekar, the President, Kalyan Taluka Shetkari Sangh, before a gathering of a bout five thousand peasants.

In the scorching heat of the mid-day sun, the peasants headed by Mr. Shamrao Parulekar, Miss Godavari Gokhale, Messrs. K. T. Sule and P. S. Bhagwat paraded throughout the town shouting out slogans like "Down with Sahucarism" "Down with Imperialism" "Bring into effect the Debt Redemption Act" etc., and assembled near the Mamlatdar's office. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Shamrao Parulekar, Miss Godavari Gokhale, Messrs. N. V. Phadke, K. T. Sule and others.

"The agriculturist is wide awake now and he will not allow the money-lender and landlord to exploit him any longer, nor will he allow the Government to befriend these classes to the detriment of the peasants" this was the refrain of the speeches delivered by the leaders.

MINIMUM DEMANDS

After the meeting was over, a deputation consisting of seven persons headed by Mr. Shamrao Parulekar waited on the Mamlatdar of Kalyan, with the minimum demands. The Magistrate promised to forward the demands to the proper quarters.

KARACHI, March 13.

Holding that it was not within the purview of the District Local Board Act to spend money benefiting people outside the district, Mr. M. U. Sumro, ruled out of order a proposal to subscribe Rs. 1,000 towards the Turkish Relief Fund at a meeting of the Karachi District Local Board.—A. P.

CRUSADE against INDIA'S PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1

Foul Diseases—their effects depicted in a STRAIGHTFORWARD DELICATE WAY in the Sincerest Picture ever made in India

Starring.
BIMLA KUMARI
SHARIFA
VAVIN YAGNIK
YAMPALLY
TRILOK KAPUR
GIRISH
RAI MOHAN

Dr. Beharilal

The kindly Physician—a friend of the Family—found the havoc played by the foul diseases, decided to devote his life to EDUCATE the People, who were afraid of life-like GHOSTS—so was dubbed by the ignorant ones as an ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE—still he carried on his mission, despite the PILLARS of SOCIETY.

BOMBAY SOCIAL HYGIENE COUNCIL.

It is my opinion that this picture is of GREAT VALUE and should be seen by all who are interested in sociological questions. It is well acted and staged and depicts in a realistic way the consequences of one of the greatest scourges of civilisation. **I consider the public by seeing this picture will not only be entertained but will gain an insight into one of the major causes of illness, death and unhappiness** —a disease which is both curable and preventable and which spreads to a great extent due to want of knowledge and to ignorance.

H. C. BUCKLEY,
Major-General, I.M.S.,
Surgn-Genl. with the Govt. of Bombay.
Chairman, Bombay Social Hygiene Council.

EMINENT DOCTORS SOCIAL WORKERS praise and applaud this CLEAN PICTURE based on
THE IDEAS of the great dramatist HENRIK IBSEN
A PICTURE NONE CAN AFFORD TO MISS
BHAVNANI Productions

Naked Truth

Coming to KRISHNA
Talkies—Dubash Theatre
from THURSDAY 21st March

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CHARMING PICKPOCKET NOW COMMITS HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Till recently known as Sadhona Bose, now recognised as "Kum Kum," a dancer by choice—picked the pocket of a Zamindar's son and robbed him of his heart —married him and robbed his father—came to Bombay and robbed the cinema loving audiences of over Rs. 13,000 in one week. This dangerous criminal is now amok in the city and people are warned hereby. What makes her more dangerous is her versatile and intriguing personality which even at first sight leaves an ache behind. People can however spot her by her beautiful dancing as given in "Kum Kum." For other points of identification visit the Imperial Cinema today at 1 p.m. 4, 6-30 or 9-30.

Don't Let Her Escape!

High Court

Travancore Bank's Appeal Dismissed With Costs

Chief Justice Holds Bombay Court Has Jurisdiction Though Contract Was Made In State

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Kania).

The State-Aided Bank of Travancore Ltd. ... Appellants-Defendants.

v.

Dhrit Ram ... Respondent-Plaintiff.

This was a Letters Patent appeal from the judgment of Mr. Justice B. J. Wadia delivered on 20th July, 1939 decreeing the Plaintiff's suit for Rs. 15,867|1|-, in respect of two fixed deposit receipts with the Defendant Bank which had expired and become payable to the Plaintiff.

MANNER OF DEPOSIT

By his letter dated 1st September, 1936 the Plaintiff inquired of the Defendant-bank at Alleppey in Travancore State as to the rate of interest on fixed deposits. The Defendants supplied the necessary information to the Plaintiff by their letter dated 5th September and added that remittances should be made towards the credit of their account in the National City Bank of New York in Bombay, and that interest at 3 1/2 per cent would be allowed from the date of such payment in Bombay. The Plaintiff paid Rs. 11,000 and Rs. 4,000 into the National City Bank of New York and returned the forms duly filled in. The Defendants sent the two fixed deposit receipts as requested by the Plaintiff. Four payments of interest had been made by cheques on Bombay Banks. But the Defendants failed to pay the amounts due on the expiry of the two deposit receipts. So the Plaintiff filed the present suit in the Bombay High Court after obtaining leave to do so under Clause 12 of the Letters Patent.

DEFENCE

The Defence of the Bank was two-fold, First, that the Bombay High Court had no jurisdiction because no part of the cause of action arose in Bombay. It was argued that payment into the National City Bank of New York in Bombay was a mere facility for remittance and it could not be said that the amount was paid in Bombay, nor was it repayable in Bombay, nor did the Defendants have their registered office in Bombay. Secondly, the defence of the Bank was that the Plaintiff was bound by a scheme of compromise sanctioned by the State Courts of Travancore and Cochin.

The trial Judge rejected the defence on both the points. He held that the Defendants' letter of 5th September was an offer which was accepted in Bombay by the deposit being actually made by payment in Bombay, and therefore the contract being made in Bombay, the Bombay High Court had jurisdiction to try the suit. He further held that the Plaintiff was not bound by the scheme sanctioned by the State Courts to which he had not assented. He therefore decreed the suit. The Defendants appealed.

Counsel for the Appellant argued that the Defendants' letter of 5th September was only an invitation for offers, that the real offer was contained in the forms filled in and sent by the Plaintiff to Travancore, and that the acceptance was made by the passing of the Fixed Deposit Receipts at Travancore. He therefore submitted that the Bombay High Court had no jurisdiction and that the decision of the trial Judge was erroneous

JUDGMENT

His Lordship the Chief Justice delivering judgment expressed the opinion that the Bombay High Court had jurisdiction on the ground that though Their Lordships found that the contract was made at Alleppey, it was clear that the parties intended Bombay to be the place of performance. That being so the proper law of contract applicable to the case was the law of British India and the scheme of arrangement sanctioned by the State Courts was not binding upon the Plaintiff. The appeal was therefore dismissed with costs.

Mr. Justice Kania concurred.

Mr. N. P. Engineer with Mr. F. J. Coltman and Mr. J. C. Bhatt instructed by Messrs. Purnanand and Jasubhai appeared for the Appellants.

Mr. M. L. Maneksha with Mr. M. J. Mistree instructed by Messrs. Smetham, Byrne and Lambert appeared for the Respondent.

LANDLORD TO PAY DAMAGES

Took Out Distress Warrant Against Lady Before Payment Time Expired

(Before the Honble Mr. Justice B. J. Wadia).

Shrimati Gurdevi .. Plaintiff.

v.

Sitaldas Tirathdas .. Defendant

This was a suit for malicious prosecution against the Defendant who was the owner of an immovable property called "Sital Bhuvan" at Walkeshwar Road in which the Plaintiff was a tenant since November 1937.

Rent was in arrears after July, 1938 and the Defendant by his letter dated 22th September gave the Plaintiff notice to vacate by the 31st October and required payment of the arrears of rent for three months to be made "within 4 days, i.e. upto 1st October, 1938." The Plaintiff alleged that she then informed the Defendant that she would pay off the arrears on the amount thereof being ascertained.

On 1st October 1938, however, the Defendant came with a Bailiff at 1-50 p. m and levied a distress on the goods and furniture of the Plaintiff. The distress was raised on the Plaintiff paying three months' rent to the Bailiff under protest.

After a protracted hearing lasting several days His Lordship reserved judgment in the case (C. A. V.).

JUDGMENT

His Lordship found that the distress was illegal and the Defendant was guilty of abuse of legal process. His Lordship was of the opinion that by the Defendant's letter of 28th September time of payment was extended and that the words "upto 1st October, 1938" gave the Plaintiff a right to pay up at least at any time till the sunset on 1st October. Any distress levied before the expiry of that period was therefore illegal, and the Defendant was liable for damages. In His Lordship's opinion it was not necessary to prove actual malice, and His Lordship awarded Rs. 500 as damages to the Plaintiff and gave her her full costs of the suit, taxed as between party and party.

His Lordship granted a certificate under S. 22 of the Presidency Small Cause Courts Act 1882 that the case was one fit to be brought in the High Court.

Mr. V. F. Taraporevala with Mr. M. M. Desai instructed by Messrs. Ambubhai and Diwanji appeared for the Plaintiff.

Mr. D. N. Bahadurji with Mr. Alreja instructed by Messrs. Alreja and Co., appeared for the Defendant.

IS BEARD INDISPENSABLE FOR DAWOODI BOHRAS?

Settlement Efforts In High Court Suit Against Mullaji Saheb

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice B. J. Wadia.)

Fatimabai Abdealli Tybeji .....Plaintiff.

v.

1. His Holiness the Mullaji Saheb of the Bohras 2. S. S. Saifuddin, the Amil and Representative of His Holiness ... Defendants.

A large assemblage of Dawoodi Bohras in the court-room and in the lobby eagerly awaited the results of the vigorous efforts made to arrive at a settlement but it was rumoured that the cleavage between the contesting parties was difficult to bridge. Pending these attempts the Court did not sit at the usual hour,—and as a matter of fact right till the close of the day. The counsel for the Mullaji Saheb went to see him at His Holiness' bungalow. Though even at the end of the day it is not known whether or not these renewed attempts at negotiation have been fruitful, an air of optimism seemed to prevail as the Court hours expired.

On the other hand there is a class of opinion which feels disheartened at the prospect of a settlement and hopes that the question whether or not a beard is from the religious standpoint an indispensable appendage of a Dawoodi Bohra should once and for all be thrashed out and decided one way or the other.

Something definite ought to crystallize by Monday Morning.

Around The Courts

BOMBAY, Friday.

A couple of days ago a petition was received from one Tanibai, widow of Jairam to the effect that she was detained against her will by a brothel keeper named Gitabai.

The Police accordingly found Tanibai in a brothel house on the top floor of Cooper Building, Falkland road. She alleged she was brought from her native place by one Lachhawa Margappa on the pretext of marrying her. But when she came to his place she was compelled to lead a life of prostitution. On her refusal to do so, she was sent to Gitabai Vithu who never allowed her to leave the house and compelled her to consent to prostitution.

Two other girls, it was stated, were brought under similar circumstances and had been kept in the house of Lachawwa Margappa. One of the girls has been sent to the Rescue Home.

Both the suspects were arrested under the Prostitution Act and were offered bail till March 28.

TEACHER & "KIDDIES" IN COURT ROOM

Captained by one of their teachers, a batch of the Maharashtra High School students marched into the court-room of the residency Magistrate, Third Court, and occupied all the available seats.

The presence of these "kiddies" in the Court Room provoked Mr. Oscar Brown, Magistrate to enquire why they had been brought there.

The teacher in charge of the students, explained to the court that he had brought the students so that they might gain some knowledge of court procedure.

The Magistrate directed the teacher to remove the boys at once from the court room.

The students were then led out of the court room

OAK RELEASED ON BAIL

"The accused is not to indulge in any anti-war propaganda, and he is not to attend any public meeting where speeches of a similar nature are made."

Mr. Laxmikant Kashinath Oak undertaking to abide by these conditions, he was directed to be released on bail in a sum of Rs. 500 (Rs. 100 to be deposited) by Mr. Oscar Brown, Presidency Magistrate, Third Court.

The accused, who is the secretary of the B. B and C. I. Railwaymen's Union, was arrested early to-day by the Bombay C I. D. under the Defence of India Rules.

Inspector Navalkar, asking for a remand of the accused to custody, stated that the arrest was made in connection with a speech delivered by the accused on January 26. The accused, the officer alleged, exhorted Indians not to take part in the present war.

Mr. Thanawala, police prosecutor, pointed out that the offence with which the accused was charged was non-bailable and punishable with imprisonment for five years.

Mr. A. S. R. Chari, who appeared for the accused, applying for bail, stated that though the offence was classified as non-bailable, the Court had power to allow bail.

After some discussion, the Magistrate allowed the accused to be released on bail.

BANDRA DEFAMATION CASE

When the notice against Mr. C. R. J. Aiyar, Secretary of Sir Sultan Chinoy, issued by the City First Class Magistrate of Bandra, at the instance of Mr. S. B. Sanglikar, Ex-Manager of Bandra Bus Service, came up for argument on Thursday, the accused applied for an adjournment.

It was stated by the advocates for the accused that the notice was served on the accused only on the 12th March and that he had not yet obtained a copy of the complaint. As the Complainant had no objection to a short adjournment being granted, the case was postponed to the 4th April at 3 p.m.

Mr. P. V. Patil appeared for the Complainant, while the accused was represented by Messrs. Gulamally G. Merchant and Cumeruddin Vakil.

DEFAMATION CHARGE AGAINST "SENTINEL"

Turf Club Claiming Rs. 50,000 Damages

Messrs. Craigie, Blunt & Co., Solicitors have filed a suit for damages for defamation against the Proprietors of "The Bombay Sentinel" and Mr. B. G. Horniman.

The amount of damages claimed is Rs. 50,000 or such other sum as the Court may deem proper.

Messrs. Craigie, Blunt & Co. are the Solicitors of the Royal Western India Turf Club.

Ry. Workers Gets Three Years And Seven Months

(From Our Correspondent)

THANA, March 15.

Mr. P. N. Moos Sessions Judge, Thana, disposed of a case yesterday, convicting one Sakharam Ragho, a railway employee of the offence of culpable homicide not amounting to murder, causing hurt with a pen-knife and attempting to commit suicide and sentencing him to three years R. I., six months R. I. and one months S. I respectively. All the sentences have been ordered to run concurrently. The Judge accepted the jury's unanimous verdict of guilty on all the counts

Motor Driver's Successful Appeal

The appeal filed by Mayappa Jotiba, a motor driver, against the sentence of one day's simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 201 passed on him by Mr. Oscar Brown, Presidency Magistrate, 3rd Court, was allowed by Mr. Justice N. J. Wadia and Mr. Justice Sen at the High Court.

Mr. G. C. O'Gorman with Messrs. S. M. Bhatt and P. S. Bhatt appeared for the appellant. The Government Pleader represented the Crown.

Found Dead In Lavatory

Shankar Sonoo residing on the 3rd floor of Arsiwalla building at Jail Road, Dongri was found dead in the lavatory on Friday evening. The body was bleeding profusely through the nose.

K. T. Bashyam 'De-Barred'

Mysore High Court Order On Prominent Advocate & Congress Leader

BANGALORE, March 15.

"The respondent was undoubtedly convicted of an offence which brought him within the provisions of Legal Practitioners' Act—an offence amounting to defect in character which disentitles him to be a member of the Legal profession." With these words the Chief Justice of the Mysore High Court ordered the name of Mr. K. T Bashyam, Advocate and Congress leader, to be struck off the rolls of advocates debarring him from practising anywhere in the State.

No Right To Disobey

After detailing the previous convictions of Mr. K. T. Bashyam the Chief Justice said that in July 1939, as evidence on record showed, being a member of the Committee of Political Association to which he belonged, he joined in the very improper resolution that a member of the Association was free to disregard the prohibitory orders of Magistrates, if such orders interfered with what they regarded as a right to address public meetings. The respondent, as an advocate, must have known that ordinary right of freedom of speech gave no one the right to disobey lawfully orders of Magistrates, even if such orders at times curtailed the exercise of freedom of speech.

It will be remembered that Mr. Bashyam, along with others, was convicted last year for disobedience of a Magisterial order, prohibiting him from addressing meetings in the Kolar Gold Field area and was sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment, on expiry of which term he was served with a notice under the Legal Practitioner's Act.

Mr. Bashyam who was present in Court, filed a statement explaining his position.

The cases against the Mysore Congress President and three others are still pending.—A. P.

RAMAKRISHNA TAUGHT BROTHERHOOD OF MAN

105th Birthday Anniversary In Bombay

The hundred and fifth birthday anniversary of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa was observed on Friday at Blavatsky Lodge.

Mr. R. P. Masani who presided over the function referred to the Message of Peace that the Paramahamsa gave to the world; it was not a new message, but the message of the four-thousand-years' old Vedanta philosophy of India. He taught mankind the way to a new and better life—a life in which narrow nationalism was not, fascism and imperialism would perish, and peace displace strife.

Mr. S. S. Karlekar gave a short sketch of the Paramahamsa's life and said that his life and teachings indicated the unity of all religions and the brotherhood of all men.

Dastur Framroze R. Bode paid tribute to Sri Ramakrishna's memory.

STATE CONTROL OF DYE-STUFFS

Prof. Ranga's Plea

CALCUTTA, March 14.

Prof. N. G. Ranga, M.L.A. (Central), President of the Madras Presidency Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society, is in Calcutta to study the working of the Government of India's subvention scheme to assist handloom weaving.

In course of a statement to the "United Press," Prof. Ranga said that a large section of the one crore handloom weavers had been suffering terribly by the complete stoppage of all supplies of dye-stuffs from Germany and the indifference of the Government of India towards the most unconscionable profiteering by dye merchants.

What was needed to-day, he added, was the commandeering of all available stuffs by Government and their sale at reasonable rates to handloom weavers, and the purchase and manufacture of fresh dyes through the Imperial Chemical Industries from Japanese, Canadian and Swiss manufacturers. State control of this whole trade in dye stuffs was the need of the hour.—United Press.

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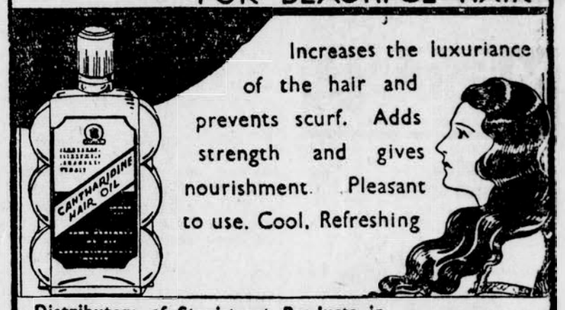

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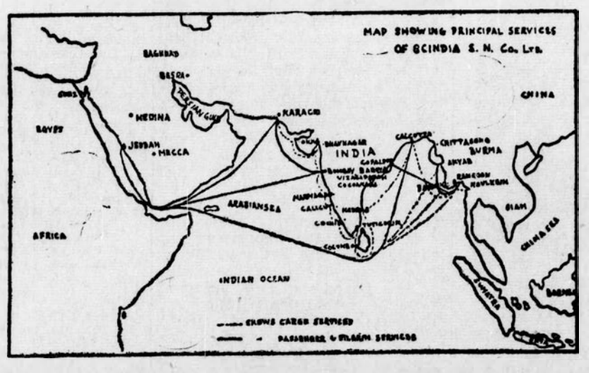

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Selections For To-day's Races

Ticanto Is Likely Winner Of Chief Event

BY "SENEX"

The Chantilly Plate is the principal event to-day and has attracted a nice-sized field. I have a sneaking preference for TICANTO who has ran some good races recently.

2-0 p.m. The Bunder Abbas Plate Div. I.—7 Furlongs.

ANEED	1
ROBINHOOD	2
SHANGHAI	3

2-30 p.m. The Bunder Abbas Plate Div. II.—7 Furlongs.

CAN YOU	1
ATILLA	2
ZAHIR	3

3-0 p.m. The Calcutta Plate.—5 Furlongs.

PRESTIGE	1
DISCARD	2
MISS O. K.	3

3-30 p.m. The Sheridan Plate.—1 Mile.

QUICKSILVER	1
RAHANA	2
HARBOUR LIGHT	3

4-0 p.m. The Bassein Plate.—1 1/4 Miles.

BANASH AMER	1
FIRPO	2
SAIF AL NUSSER	3

4-30 p.m. The Thirsk Plate Div. II—6 Furlongs.

STRUGGS HILL	1
SCOTCH	2
GONE WITH THE WIND	3

5-0 p.m. The Houghton Plate—1 1/4 Miles.

RATEPAYER	1
GOLDEN LINK	2
KING'S HIGHWAY	3

5-30 p.m. The Chantilly Plate.—1 Mile.

TICANTO	1
LEANDER	2
DELPHI	3

6-0 p.m. The Thirsk Plate Div. I.—6 Furlongs.

NOT OUT	1
GOLDEN MANTLE	2
LORD CLARION	3

Double: PRESTIGE and STRUGGS HILL.

TREBLE: BANASH AMER, RATEPAYER and TICANTO.

COLOMBO RACES ACCEPTANCES

COLOMBO, March 15.

The following are acceptances for Saturday Nuwaraeliya Easter Meeting First Day:—First race commences at 10 a.m.:—

DECCAN STAKES SECOND DIVISION.—(Distance 7 Furlongs).

Sallalahmar 9/7 Windsor 9/7 Iranshah 9/3 Aimijrin 8/13 Hakum 8/12 Zenobia 8/11 Alfazal 8/10 Sadulmuluk 8/9 Prime Minister 8/8 Vortex 8/2 Eskimo 7/12 Mars 7/12 Sayid 7/5 Blue Bird 7/0. (Fourteen Horses.)

ERREBODDE PLATE.—Distance about 1 Mile (Five Horses).

Wirepuller 12/2 Cameron 11/5 Whiteseal 10/5 Vilayet 9/13 Tolboy 9/11.

DONCASTER PLATE-DIV. II.—Distance 5 Furlongs).

Silver Vest 9/6 Borsari 9/2 Carnivalqueen 9/1 Bonsoir 9/0 Lady Elma 8/12 Shyminx 8/9 Bugleblast 8/5 Grecian Mist 8/0 Liberty Maid 8/0 Lippia Second 7/13 Martel 7/8 Double Brew 7/4 Embers 7/4. (Thirteen Horses).

SEISTON HANDICAP.—Distance 5 Furlongs).

Jawaliraq 9/0 Eed 8/13 Wedding Cake 8/8 Azooz 7/12 Alhujaz 7/7 Goodbye 7/4 Great Power 7/3 Kafoor 7/0. (Eight Horses.)

WESTWARD HO STAKES.—Distance 7 Furlongs).

Silvercap 9/1 Show The Way 8/9 Francia Second 8/0 Bold Lassie 7-11 Beauideal 7/8 Windmill 7/7 Hasanpasha 7/1 Glenarm 7/0 (Weights Raised four pounds all round). (Eight Horses).

HAKGALLA PLATE—(Distance 7 Furlongs).

Lotharic 9/3 Graphite 8/12 Parthenon 8/8 Silver Tissue 8/5 Hunting Chorus 8/3 Masquerader 8/0 Sweetlynda 7/12 Ballyvaughan 7/11 Celestra 7/11 Button Up 7/7 Olivebank 7/7 Tidal Wave Second 7/7. (Twelve Horses).

DONCASTER PLATE. DIVISION I. Distance 5 Furlongs).

Nectarean 9/0 Saver 9/0 Goldenbaby 8/11 Lovelyric 8/11 Flores 8/10 Agatha 8/7 Seafield 8/5 Tindale 8/4 Night Or Day 8/3 Repose 7/12 Tattenham 7/11 Foreverfair 7/7. (Twelve Horses).

DECCAN STAKES. DIVISION I. (Distance 7 Furlongs).

Roseprince 9/1 Jaffal 8/13 Sabhan Pasha 8/10 Boolum 8/10 Abjarasand 8/9 Sayonira 8/8 Jamshidpasha 8/6 Hush Hush 9/4 Chief Mate 8/2 Sunrose 8/1 Excelsior 7/13 Laurence 7/15 Majai-Mandhabbi 7/5.—A. P.

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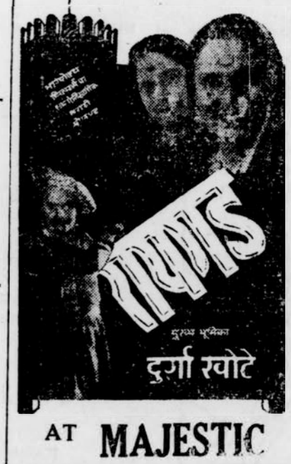

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AGA KHAN HOCKEY

Two More Decisions On Friday

Two more matches were played on Friday in the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament resulting in victory to St. Xavier's "B" and Lusitanians "A".

The first match which proved a one-sided affair St. Xavier's "B" beating Bombay Battallion A.F.I. by three goals to nil.

L. De'Souza, the inside left scoring twice and O. Ferreira scoring the third goal.

The second match was well contested and S.E.S. and T. went down before Lusitanians A' by the only goal of the play. Felix Fernandez, inside right was responsible for the decisive result.

To-day's Matches

4-15 p.m. I.A.O.C. Kirkee vs. Cathedral High School.

5-30 p.m. Young Sports vs Bombay Telephone.

WORLD OF SPORTS: HOME AND ABROAD

Re-Organisation Of Bombay's Cricket

(BY LOOKER-ON.)

It is really very gratifying to learn that the clubs participating in the "Times of India" shield competition have decided in a meeting that they would Co-operate with the Bombay Cricket Association in arranging their fixtures. Somehow or other the impression has gained currency in this city that the local Controlling Body is mightily afraid of the office clubs who run this tournament. So much so that they were not prepared to organise local cricket on a league basis, lest the office bosses should get offended. The "Chronicle" has written against this weak-kneed policy on various occasions. Strange as it may seem, the response has come from the opposite party!

ACCOMMODATING SPIRIT.

I must compliment the people concerned on their accommodating spirit. That is the true spirit of sport. Let us hope the B.C.A. will now make bold to take steps in putting through their scheme. Every well-wisher of Cricket in Bombay wants that this city should rise to the top of the cricketing world of India again as early as possible. All steps should be taken to lift her out of the present morass of despondency and degradation. The B.C.A. is expected to be the principal helper and guide in this effort. Once the Controlling Body takes up the reins, others are bound to follow and contribute their quota towards its consummation.

HOCKEY TOUR.

Everybody will appreciate the move of the Indian Hockey Federation to send an All-India team to tour various centres of India playing Exhibition Matches. Ordinarily, if there was no war in Europe, a team would have been sent to Amsterdam to participate in the International Tournament which was to have been held there in July in connection with the World Olympic Games. Of course, the war made this impossible. It is a great disappointment to all. It will, however, be encouraging to our boys to make a tour of their own country. At the same time it will give a fillip to the game in those centres they will visit.

BOMBAY'S QUOTA.

The selectors have chosen as many as twenty two players. I believe the team will not consist of more than 15 or 16 players. Some of the nominated men are bound to drop out owing to their inability to get leave and join the tour. Four of the selected men hail from Bombay and they are J. Phillips W. Fernandesz, Hakim and Latif. Everybody will agree that they fully deserve the honour. I heartily congratulate them. I understand the team will assemble in Bombay and play one or two matches here during the Aga Khan Tournament. Then they will visit Madras, Calcutta, Lucknow, Delhi and Lahore. A triumphant tour may be expected of them.

NADKARNI CUP.

The W.I.F.A. has done well to postpone the opening date of its soccer season to March 30. This has been done to avoid a clash with the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament as far as possible. In fact there will be only a week left for the Aga Khan Tournament to complete. Would it not have been better to postpone it by another week? It is likely the soccer authorities think that this little clash will not do any harm to either competition, the Nadkarni Cup being in its preliminary stage. I hear teams from Goa, Poona, Kirkee and other places wish to enter this tournament. If they do it will add greatly to its interest. Local teams are sure to join in large numbers.

M. & S. M. RAILWAY BEAT E. I. R.

NEW DELHI, March 15.

IN THE INTER-RAILWAY HOCKEY SEMI-FINAL REPLAY THIS EVENING M. S. AND M. RAILWAY BEAT E. I. RAILWAY BY THREE GOALS TO ONE.

DEVELOPMENTS OF NEW INDUSTRIES

Opportunity Created By Outbreak Of War In Europe

Mr. Madhavlal M. Bhatt, the President of the Association of Indian Industries makes the following observations in the course of his speech at the Association of Indian Industries at the special general meeting of the Association held on the 15th instant.

It is my firm belief that the importance of our Association has certainly increased in view of the situation created by the outbreak of War in Europe. The present War has thrown open many opportunities to our country for the development of new and essential industries and also for placing some of the existing industries on sounder foundations. I am of opinion that the present is 'the' time for the industrialists of the country to put their house in order. The last World War has taught us many lessons, and I hope that the blunders of the past will not be repeated. We must all put our shoulders together, and strive hard for the industrialisation of our country. The Government of India also have realized the importance of starting new and essential industries in the country, as is indicated by the reported announcement of the Hon. the Finance Members, for setting up a board of Scientific and Industrial Research for India, with Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar as Chairman. It is also reported that eminent scientists and industrialists have been invited to formulate proposals to help the Board to decide on what lines progress could most speedily and effectively be achieved.

LAHORE SPRING MEETING

Acceptances For 2nd Day

LAHORE, March 15.

The following are the Acceptances and the order of running for the second day of the Lahore Spring Meeting, to be held on Saturday:—

THE NOWSHERE PLATE.
Distance (about 7 Furlongs).
For (Indian-Breds, Class A.)

Scarlet Flight 9/4, Forester 9/1, Look Well 8/13, Silver Sister 8/10, Heretic 8/8, Kadir Cup 8/8, Rashid 8/2, Huntress 7/10, Oliver 7/7.

TREVEREN PLATE DIV. II.
Distance (about 5 Furlongs).
For (Indian-Breds, Class B.)

Sher I Afghan 9/4, Prince of India 9/3, Scully 9/3, Babbling Brook 9/2, Right Ho 8/12, Pas Seul 8/9, Sardar 8/9, Radio 8/5, Autumn 8/1, Arithmetic 7/4.

COLWALL HURDLES.
Distance (about 1-1/2 Miles).
For (Hurdle Race for horses).

Sans Peur 11/7, Le Maure, 11/3, Tense 10/10, Violist 10/10, Lord 10/0.

WARWICK PLATE.
Distance (about 1 Mile).
For (Horses Class IV.)

Whirlwadale 9/12, Pistachio, 9/7, Rash Greek 9/3, Wild Cherry 9/4, Snapshot 8/10, Anewair 8/2, Amiable 7/4, Sulla 7/4.

SEVEREN PLATE DIV. I.
Distance (about 5 Furlongs).
For Indian-Bred Class B.

Blueline 9/4, Barballini 9/2, Willowy 8/9, Jullundur 8/6, Bon Marche 8/6, Windfall 8/0, Fift 7/13, Lal Begum 7/8, Flighty Rhoda 7/6, Bahar 7/4.

THIRSK PLATE.
Distance (about 5 Furlongs.)
For (Horses Class III & IV.)

Sans Peur 9/10, Green Jade 9/6, Horoscope 9/1, Sari 8/13, Fast Lady 8/10, Columbian 8/3, Adriatic 7/4.—A. P.

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SILVER MARKET QUIETLY STEADY

Weekly Market Review

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
Bombay, March 15.

MONEY

Day to-day funds were in demand at as high as 2 per cent. during the week under review. This increase in demand for money was partly in connection with the financing of crop movements and partly due to lock up of funds entailed by large accumulation of stocks of exportable commodities at the ports. Term money rates were unchanged, 3 and 6 months' money being placeable at 2-1/2 per cent. per annum.

A statement of affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, made upto 8th March 1940, records an increase of Rs. 367.83 lacs in the active note circulation in India, but the total note issue is down by Rs. 104.66 lacs. Simultaneously, the Bank's holding of Rupee Coin show a decline of Rs. 104.70 lacs. In the Banking Department, the item of Balances held abroad is up by Rs. 285.43 lacs and Investments are down by Rs. 109.08 lacs. Government Balances with the Bank as well as Bankers' and Other Deposits have declined by Rs. 135.78 lacs, Rs. 85.90 lacs and Rs. 134.08 lacs respectively.

A statement of the Imperial Bank of India, compiled upto 8th March 1940, reveals a decline of Rs. 90.34 lacs in Deposits and of Rs. 47.77 lacs in Advances. Investment Portfolio of the Bank is also down by Rs. 65.19, while the Cash holding of the Bank is up by Rs. 24.18 lacs to Rs. 11.56 crores.

The sale of intermediate Treasury Bills has been suspended as from 11th March 1940, which is probably due to the fact that maturities during the week under review and in the next few weeks are comparatively smaller.

GILT-EDGED

Although there was a sharp advance in the prices of gilt-edged securities in London, there was not the corresponding rise in the local market. Investors were inclined to hold off at the higher levels now existing and in fact, some selling was in evidence during the week, in medium as well as long-dated bonds. 3-1/2 per cent. India Sterling Stock, in London, improved steadily from £95 to £97 on Tuesday, but closed a little lower at £95-1/2, whilst 3-1/2 per cent. Rupee Paper, in the local market, ranged narrowly between Rs. 94 and Rs. 94-6 during the week. Amongst other dated bonds, 2-3/4 per cent. 1948-52 loan was quoted around Rs. 97-10, 3 per cent. 1941 bonds around Rs. 101-12 and 3 per cent. 1963-65 loan around Rs. 93. 3 per cent. 1951-54 loan was quoting Rs. 98-11, whilst 3-1/2 per cent. 1947-50 loan was somewhat easier at Rs. 104-2 at the finish. 4 per cent. 1943 bonds, on the other hand, were firm at Rs. 106-2 whilst 4 per cent. 1960-70 loan showed little or no change at Rs. 108-2 during the week. 4-1/2 per cent. 1955-60 loan stood at Rs. 114-4, 5 per cent. 1940-43 loan at Rs. 101-11 and 5 per cent. 1945-55 (Tax Free) Loan at Rs. 112-2.

EXCHANGE.

Rupee/sterling exchange was dull during the week, sellers of spot T. T. quoting 1s. 5-63/64d. with buyers at 1s. 6-1/64d. Occasional business was reported at race-course odds within this range. The rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association for merchant business were as follows:—

Sellers T. T. for spot delivery and upto six months 1s.5-31/32d
Buyers T. T. for spot delivery and upto six months 1.6- 1/32d.

In the free foreign exchange market in New York, sterling was weak in terms of the dollar and the sterling/dollar cross-rate declined on Wednesday to 372.50 cents as against the opening level of 393.00 cents, and after temporarily touching 376.25 cents, closed lower again at 371.50 cents. Sterling for three months' forward delivery was quoted at a discount varying between 3-3/8 and 3-1/4 cents during the week. In London, the buying and selling rates for various currencies fixed by the Bank of England were as under:—

The sterling/dollar rate 403-1/2 and 402-1/2 cents; the sterling-franc rate 176-3/4 and 176-1/2 francs; the sterling/guilder rate 7.58 and 7.53; and the sterling/belga rate 23.75 and 23.60. The lira gradually moved down from the opening level of 77.50 to 73.75 at the close. In the Far East, the Shanghai dollar was virtually pegged around 4d. throughout, but the yen improved from 1s. 2-11/32d. to 1s. 3-1/32d. at the close.

GOLD.

Movements in the local gold market were erratic during the week and the quotation varied within a range of four annas on speculative activity. The turnover, however, was small and there was a complete absence of export demand. On the other hand, arrivals from upcountry were small and were estimated to have averaged about 8,000 tolas a day. Opening at Rs. 42-10-6, spot gold advanced to Rs. 42-14 on Saturday and after reacting to Rs. 42-9 on Tuesday, advanced again at the close to Rs. 42-11-9 The premium on gold for delivery during April settlement varied between 1-1/2 anna and 1 anna, whilst May settlement gold stood two annas higher than April. The upward tendency apparent during the earlier part of the week was reversed towards the close and some buying of put options by the public was reported. Sovereigns, which were in demand at Rs. 27-12 early in the week, declined to Rs. 27-9 on Tuesday, closing better at Rs. 27-10. The Bank of England's buying price for gold remains unchanged at 168 shilling per oz. Stocks of gold in the market are estimated at about 1,75,000 tolas, whilst the average daily offtake for trade purposes is estimated at 1,500 tolas. The highest and lowest rates touched were: Rs. 42-14 and Rs 42-9 for spot, Rs. 42-15-6 and Rs. 42-10 for April settlement and Rs. 43-1 and Rs. 42-11-6 for May settlement.

SILVER

Opening steady at Rs. 59-5-6, spot silver gradually declined during the course of the week to Rs. 57 on Tuesday and after temporarily advancing to Rs 58-2-6, declined and closed at Rs. 57-11-6. The decline was partly due to liquidation of bull positions based on peace rumours and partly as a result of lower advices from London. Silver for delivery during April settlement was quoted at a premium of two annas over spot and May setttlement commanded a premium of 4-1/2 annas over April. In London, the quotation for spot silver declined from the opening level of 21-5/16d. to 20-5/8d. on Wednesday, but closed 1/16d. higher. Silver for delivery two months' hence was quoted at a discount of 1/16d. during the first half of the week, but the gap completely disappeared during the rest of the week. Floating stocks of Silver are estimated at about 2,900. The highest and lowest rates touched were: Rs. 59-10 and Rs. 57 for spot, Rs. 59-12 and Rs 57-2 for April settlement and Rs. 60-0-6 and Rs. 57-6 for May settlement.

SHARES.

The share market was dominated by rumours regarding the outcome of Mr. Sumner Welles' visit to Europe on a peace mission. Early in the week, prices declined sharply on possibilities of an early peaceful settlement of the European situation. Later, however, the market recovered on the belief that the chances of peace in Europe were remote.

Tata Iron and Steel Deferreds lost wellnigh 150 points to Rs. 1955 mid-week, but subsequently recovered to Rs. 2027-8, finally closing at Rs. 2017-8 on profit-taking. Ordinaries likewise, after a sharp fall to Rs. 368-8 early in the week, gradually moved up to Rs. 381 and closed at Rs. 379. Mill shares were quite steady despite the continuance of the strike, although the volume of trading in this section was restricted: Bombay Dyeings, after declining to Rs. 900 in sympathy with the general trend of the market, recovered and closed at Rs. 935. Centuries lost about 15 points to Rs. 280, Central Indias shed over 20 points to Rs. 271 and Colabas dropped some 8 points to Rs. 149 at the beginning, but later recovered some of the lost ground and closed at Rs. 285-8, Rs. 283 and Rs. 156-8 respectively. Kohinoors were down to Rs. 348 and New Greats to Rs. 335 mid-week, but were steadier at the close at Rs. 355 and Rs. 352-8 respectively. Hydro-electrics were fairly steady with prices moving within a narrow compass; Andhra Valleys ranged between Rs. 1560 and Rs. 1545 and Tata Powers between Rs. 1365 and Rs. 1350; Bombay Trams were quoted at Rs. 131-4 as against the previous close of Rs. 127-12, whilst Hydros steadily moved up from Rs. 160 to Rs. 162 at the end. Banks maintained a steady undertone, but trading in this group was small; Bank of Indias were almost static around Rs. 140, whilst Central Banks were quoted at Rs. 36-4xd; Imperial Bank Fully Paids moved up to Rs. 1517-8 and Partly Paids to Rs. 369-6, whilst Reserve Banks fluctuated between Rs. 110 and Rs. 109-7. Some business was reported in Ahmedabad Prantij Rly. scrips at around Rs. 955, but Tapti Valleys were practically neglected at Rs. 757-8. In the miscellaneous bloc, Associated Cements, after declining to Rs. 117-8, recovered and closed at Rs. 119-4. Belapurs lost about 7 points to Rs. 209-8 and Bombay Burmas about 30 points to Rs. 591-8, but were later marked up to Rs. 616 and Rs. 615 respectively. Scindia Steam were maintained around Rs. 18-1 and New Indias around Rs. 38-12.

JUTE.

The price of hessians eased from Rs. 13-6 to Rs. 12-12 at the close, whilst the quotation for raw jute moved down from Rs. 78-12 to Rs. 67-12. Jute shares in the Calcutta market were barely steady with narrow price variations on either side.

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Position Of Scheduled Banks

Statement of the position of Scheduled Banks as at the close of business on 8th March 1940 :—

1. Demand Liabilities :	
(a) In India	137,35,69,000
(b) In Burma	7,42,45,000
2. Time Liabilities :	
(a) In India	105,54,51,000
(b) In Burma	3,79,89,000
3. Cash :	
(i) Currency notes of the Govment of India and Bank Notes :	
(a) In India	5,37,01,000
(b) In Burma	1,05,000
(ii) Burma Notes :	
(a) In India	24,000
(b) In Burma	20,88,000
(iii) Rupee Coin :	
(a) In India	53,64,000
(b) In Burma	90,000
(iv) Subsidiary Coin :	
(a) In India	22,77,000
(b) In Burma	38,000
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	14,58,23,000
5. Advances :	
(a) In India	147,12,23,000
(b) In Burma	6,17,73,000
6. Bills Discounted :	
(a) In India	5,99,52,000
(b) In Burma	31,07,000

Comparative statement of the position of Scheduled Banks :—

(In thousand Rupees)

	8-3-1940	1-3-1940	10-3-1939	1-9-1939
1. Deman Liabilities in India and Burma	144,78,14 (7,42,45)	144,89,56 (7,37,95)	126,98,46 (6,10,36)	141,39,78 (7,03,29)
2. Time Liabilities in India and Burma	109,34,40 (3,79,89)	108,87,43 (3,78,27)	108,36,86 (4,41,35)	106,46,46 (4,22,12)
3. Total Cash in India and Burma	6,36,87 (23,21)	6,82,61 (24,07)	6,11,09 (18,03)	7,29,82 (59,37)
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	14,58,23	14,73,71	13,82,67	25,27,78
5. Advances in India and Burma	153,29,96 (617,73)	152,55,18 (5,92,35)	122,99,91 (5,02,71)	105,55,08 (4,12,92)
6. Bills discounted in India and Burma	6,30,59 (31,07)	6,18,92 (28,96)	7,18,09 (30,33)	3,86,74 (29,45)

(Burma figures are shown in brackets).

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 8th March 1940.

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.
CAPITAL :—		
Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Issued and subscribed—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Called up—75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, fully paid	3,75,00,000	
1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, Rs. 125 paid	1,87,50,000	5,62,50,000
Reserve liability of shareholders —Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares	5,62,50,000	
Reserve Fund		5,60,00,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts		85,71,61,000
Loans against securities per contra		—
Acceptances for Constituents		59,000
Sundries		62,56,000
	Rupees	98,57,26,000
ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
INVESTMENTS :—		
Government securities	35,87,12,000	
Other Authorised Investments	92,62,000	36,79,74,000
ADVANCES :—		
Loans	9,29,54,000	
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	32,87,82,000	
Bills Discounted and Purchased	5,45,48,000	47,62,84,000
Liability of Constituents for Acceptances per contra		59,000
Dead Stock		1,86,54,000
Sundries		71,97,000
Bullion		—
CASH :—		
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	7,51,58,000	
Balances with other Banks	4,04,00,000	11,55,58,000
	Rupees	98,57,26,000

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

HEDGE CONTRACT RATES
Bombay : March 15

Yarn No.	April	June	August
6 1/2s.	135	137	140
10 1/2s.	158	161	164
20 1/2s.	212	215	218
40s.	265	267	270

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, March 15

Fine White Java sugar per cwt :—
Ready (small grain) Rs. 18-3-0
Ready (large grain) Rs. 18-5-0
Shipment January Rs. 8-4-0 F B H
Shipment February Rs. 8-4-0 F B H
Shipment March Rs. 8-5-0 F B H
Shipment September Rs. 8-5-0 F B H
Indian sugars ready :—
Ready (ordinary) Rs. 17-11-0 to 18
Ready (large grain) Rs. 18 to 18-8-0
Tone :—Quiet.

PRODUCE RECEIPTS

Bombay, March 15

Linseed	23,074 cwts.
Rape, Rai and Mustardseeds	1,767 cwts.
Gingellyseed	311 cwts.
Groundnuts	10,017 cwts.
Castorseed	16,000 cwts.
Myrabollams	2,327 cwts.
Cottonseed	6,086 cwts.
Indian sugar	343 cwts.

NEW YORK SUGAR

New York, March 14

May	1.90
July	1.95
September	1.99
November	2.02

WHEAT CHICAGO

Chicago, March 14

May	dol 1.01 7/8
July	dol 0.99 5/8
September	dol 0.99 1/8

Prevailing Prices In Bombay

The Collector of Bombay has issued the following statement of prevailing prices in Bombay on the 13th inst. :—

	Rs.	as.	ps.
Rice (Jira Sal) per Phara of 16 Paylis	8	0	0
to	11	0	0
Jowar per Payli	0	5	6
to	0	6	0
Bajri per Payli	0	6	6
Sugar (Java) per 28 lbs.	5	0	0
Sugar Country soft per 28 lbs.	6	4	0
Salt per Payli	0	3	0
Groundnut Oil per lb.	0	2	6
Cocoanut Oil per lb.	0	3	3
Til Oil per lb.	0	3	0
Kerosene Oil Rising Sun and Chukkur Brand two tins ex-Town shop	7	2	6
Kerosene Oil Elephant Brand per tin	3	10	0
Kerosene Oil bulk Rising Sun and Chukkur Brand per unit of 8 Imperial gallons	5	14	6
Matches Wimco per doz.	0	3	0
to	0	4	0
Charcoal per 28 lbs	0	9	0
Fuel Jungli per 28 lbs.	0	5	0
Asperin per Ounce	0	5	0
Quinine Powder per lb.	35	0	0
Quinine Bottle of 100 pills of 2 grns.	1	5	0
Castor Oil Swastik per lb	0	13	0
Mag. Sulphate per lb.	0	3	0
Soda Bicarb. per lb.	0	3	0
Insulin 10 cc.	2	0	0
Insulin 5 cc.	1	8	0
Eucalyptus Oil per lb.	1	8	0
Iodine per lb.	1	12	0
Barium Sulphate per lb.	1	12	0

BANK OF ENGLAND WEEKLY RETURNS

London, March 14

	This week. £
Total bullion	1,300,000
Public deposits	34,900,000
(a) Other deposits	156,700,000
Government securities	135,700,000
(b) Other securities	27,000,000
Notes and coin	46,400,000
Notes in circulation	534,900,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities	24.23 p.c.
(a) Other deposits include bankers	114,000,000
(b) Other securities include discount	3,200,000
Total deposits	191,600,000
Total securities	163,700,000

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, March 15

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G :—					
Bengal U P	201	199	196		193
Punjab	201	199	198		193
Rajputana	209	207	204		201
Oomra No. 3	236	234	231	228	
C P No. 1	250	248	245	242	
C P No. 2	240	238	235	232	
Broach No. 2		261	259	256	253
Surat		298	296	293	290
Rajpipla		293	291	288	286
Navsari		309	307	304	301

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, March 15

Bengal Fine	502 03
Bengal F G	197 99
C P 1	247 50
C P 2	234-35
Berar	230-32
Khandesh	224-27
Jalna Sailu	225-27
Ahmednagar	225-27
Broach	254-59
Punjab 4 F	269-77
Punjab 289 F	307-12
Sindh N T	287-95

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay, March 15

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales

	Yesterday	This year	Since 1st Sept. Last year
Khandesh	330	49,060	34,476
Central India	1,192	83,011	191,488
Barsi and Nagar		105,909	56,742
Hyderabad Gaorani	62	41,761	4,183
Berar	1,434	271,366	131,786
Central Provinces	306	67,834	30,175
Total Oomras	3,324	618,941	448,850
Dholera	63	53,639	126,436
N W Provinces		23,416	2,155
Rajputana		25,884	45,309
Sind Punjab	446	299,072	271,038
Broach	3,389	241,973	181,588
Coompta and Dharwar	206	16,212	15,510
Westerns Northerns	19	17,494	20,538
Cocoanada		50	84
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		1,309	2,544
American		53,380	2,578
Egyptian, African and Sudan	103	202,721	186,057
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		2,648	7
Total	7,549	1,556,741	1,305,387
Arrived by road to 7th March 1940		304,358	

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY

1st Sept to 7th March

In full-pressed bales

	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Total	5,776	540,733	742,184

American Cotton Figures

F P Bales	1939-40	1938-39
Receipts to date 14-3-40	6686000	3468000
Receipts yesterday 14-3-40	7000	3000
Exports to date 14-3-40	5214000	2788000
Stock at Ports 8-3-40	2951000	2466000
Stock at Interior Towns 8-3-40	2732000	3048000
Stock at Liverpool 8-3-40	.....	980000
Visible Supply 8-3-40	.....	6592000
Quantity in sight 8-3-40	11768000	8084000
Quantity out of sight 8-3-40	.....	7127000

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London, March 14

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BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, March 15

Yellow metal sheets	Rs. 59 0 0
Copper sheets	Rs. 71 8 0

Tone :—Steady

PRECIOUS METALS

Bombay, March 15

The following are their weekly quotations for the Precious Metals :

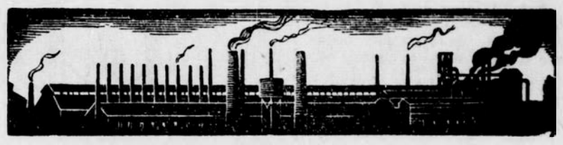
Platinum 100 per cent Rs. 70 per tola Elephant Brand
Platinum 97 per cent Rs. 69 per tola Elephant Brand
Platinum 25 per cent Rs. 20 per tola Anchor Brand
Palladium 100 per cent Rs. 55 per tola
Castorseeds 16,090 cwts.
Osmium 100 per cent Rs. 90 per tola
Ruthenium 100 per cent Rs. 80 per tola
Rhodium 100 per cent Rs. 220 per tola

PEPPER AND GINGER PRICES

Bombay, March 15

(The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd.)

Pepper ready Allepey per candy	Rs. 89 0 0
Pepper Chaitra Sud 15th per candy	89 0 0
Pepper Jetn Sud 15th per candy	92 0 0
Pepper ready Lampong in C.I.F per candy	not quoted
Ginger ready unbleached per cwt	16 0 0
Ginger ready bleached per cwt	18 0 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15th per cwt	18 12 0
Ginger Vaishakh Sud 15th per cwt	18 4 0



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IMPOSING SCENES AT RAILWAY STATION: SPECTACULAR PRESIDENTIAL PROCESSION TAKEN OUT

'AZAD PAYS HOMAGE TO MAHATMA

MAZHARPURI, Mar. 15.

Since early morning Mazharpuri was astir preparing for according a right royal reception to the Congress President-elect, and over 2,500 volunteers and over 1,000 Adibasis left their barracks and marched along the three-mile road approaching Ranchi Road station, playing on their bands and various other instruments. The aboriginals, with their native 'Madals', were singing in a melodious tone.

When the train carrying the President-elect steamed in, shouts of "Maulana-ki-Jai" rent the air. The Maulana, who had been acknowledging greetings with folded hands, alighted from the train, and was garlanded by Babu Rajendra Prasad, Chairman of the Reception Committee, who was present along with Mr. Anugrah Narain Sinha, General Secretary, and other departmental secretaries. A guard of honour was presented by a jatha of men and lady volunteers.

PRESIDENTAL PROCESSION.

A Pilot car formed the vanguard of the Presidential procession, at the head of which the Chhota-Nagpur band playing Scottish airs marched, followed by two jathas and two more band sets, the General Officer Commanding taking up the central position. Behind the G.O.G. lady volunteers in saffron-coloured saris took up the position of guarding the peacock-throne, which was placed in the beautifully decorated motor car of the President-elect. Numerous other cars were coming in the rear. Lady volunteers in two rows covered the whole length of the procession, which terminated at the main entrance of the Congress nagar. From there the Presidential car proceeded to the cottage intended for the Maulana, flying a huge tricolour flag.

OTHER LEADERS ALSO ARRIVE.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar, Dr Prafulla Chandra Ghosh, Dr. Ashraf and Maulana Muhammad Mian of Allahabad also came by the same train.

Soon after alighting at his cottage the Maulana went to the adjacent cottage of Mahatma Gandhi, where he met also other members of the Congress Working Committee.—United Press Congress Special.

The three-mile route of Ranchi road station was lined by crowds to watch the Presidential procession. The station was profusely decorated with tri-colour flags and vast crowds had gathered there, including a large number of aborigines who were also carrying Congress flags. The President-elect travelled in a specially decorated bogie from Calcutta and alighted at 8-30, at the station, where a rousing ovation was given to him.

He was seated in an artistically decorated car resembling a peacock which glittered in the bright sunshine.

The procession moved at snail's pace, on account of the dense crowds, and took over two hours to cover the three-mile route to Congressnagar. Women volunteers in bright orange-coloured saris received the President-elect at the main gate of Congressnagar. The presidential procession was preceded and followed by volunteers and motor-vans fitted with loudspeakers, giving directions to the crowds swarming around the procession. A mile-long stream of cars and buses brought up the rear.—A.P.

ROUSING WELCOME

On approaching the leaders' camp, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Dr. Rajendra Prasad, both of whom were seated on the presidential chariot, alighted and the outgoing and incoming Presidents posed for a few minutes for photographers.

Within a few minutes the Maulana and Dr. Prasad visited Mahatma Gandhi.—A. P.

HUGE CROWDS LINE 3-MILE ROUTE

Mazharpuri was humming with activity in order to accord a fitting reception to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the President who arrived here this morning.

Volunteers turned out in thousands, parading the streets of Congress camp, playing bands.

JAWAHAR LEAVES FOR RAMGARH

ALLAHABAD, March 14.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru accompanied by Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit and Mr. R. S. Pandit left for Ramgarh this evening by the Calcutta Mail.—A. P.

LUCKNOW, March 14.

The formal opening of the new "Pioneer House" was performed by Sir Maurice Hallett, the Governor of U. P., this afternoon in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering.

Internment Orders

Chittagong Magistrate's Fatwa

CHITTAGONG, Mar. 15.

The District Magistrate of Chittagong has issued orders under the Defence of India Rules interning several ex-detenus of Chittagong for three months in their own town residence or village home on the ground that their acts are prejudicial to public order.

They are also prohibited from associating or communicating with ex-detenus, ex-convicts, or ex-restricts, or any students who are not relatives, under the Bengal Criminal Law Amendment Act and the Suppression of Terrorist Outrages Act, or from taking part in dissemination of news or propagation of opinions.

The ex-detenus are further directed not to have any incriminating articles, including prejudicial reports or documents, in their possession.—United Press.

RAMGARH MUST GIVE LEAD

PATNA, March 14.

"I want Ramgarh to give a real lead to the country and to prove that the Congress was really a fighting organisation out to win freedom for the country and bread for the masses", observed Sjt. Achut Patwardhan, former member of the Congress Working Committee addressing a largely attended public meeting held this evening in observance of Jaiprakash Day or Anti-Repression Day.—A P.

SOCIALIST'S PLEA TO LEFTISTS

CUTTACK, March 15.

The view that the Leftists should end disruptionist tendencies and make a united effort to stand behind the national leadership in the deepening crisis in the country, was expressed by Mr. Nabakrishna Choudhury, a member of the National Executive of the All-India Congress Socialist Party, who addressed a public meeting held last evening in observance of "Jaiprakash Day". Mr. Sarangdhar Das presided.

Mr. Choudhury did not favour the organisation of the Anti-Compromise Conference.—United Press.

'HANNIBALS' SUSPENDED

Imperial Airways Decision Sequel To Jask Tragedy

CALCUTTA, March 14.

Although there has as yet been no evidence that a defect in the machine caused the airliner "Hannibal" to crash near Jask at the beginning of this month, Imperial Airways have decided as a precautionary measure to withdraw temporarily from their service all aircraft of the Hannibal type.

During this period of withdrawal, most thorough investigations will be made.

As a result of this decision arrangements are being considered as a temporary measure for the operation of the England-Calcutta weekly service with Empire flying boats between England and Karachi, the Atalanta type of landplane continuing to operate on the Karachi-Calcutta section.—A. P.

MISS INDUMATI GUNAJI (LEFT), LEADER OF THE LADY VOLUNTEERS AND MRS. PRABHAVATI DEVI (RIGHT) G. O. C. OF LADY VOLUNTEERS SNAPPED AT THE CONGRESS NAGAR.

"Impeding Supply Of Men And Material For War"

Central Govt. Pass Orders For Detention Of Communist Leaders

NEW DELHI, March 14.

THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HAVE FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME HAD CAUSE TO VIEW WITH GRAVE CONCERN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA, SAYS A PRESS NOTE.

ALTHOUGH THE PARTY HAS BEEN DECLARED TO BE AN UNLAWFUL BODY, THERE IS AMPLE EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT IT CONTINUES TO OPERATE THROUGH A WIDESPREAD 'UNDERGROUND' ORGANISATION.

Since the outbreak of war its leaders, by means of subversive propaganda and in other organized ways, have attempted to prejudice the internal peace of India and to interfere with the efficient prosecution of the war by impeding the supply of men and material. These activities form part of the acknowledged programme of the Communist Party and their extension is known to be planned

The Communist leaders have also shown themselves as the willing agents in this country of a foreign organisation, boasting that they take their orders from foreign masters and that the Communist Party of India is a section of the Communist International.

The Central Government in discharge of their responsibility for the Defence of India and the prosecution of the war, have therefore found it necessary to pass orders for the detention of the main Communist leaders under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

C. P. HINDUS ASKED TO CO-OPERATE IN 1941 CENSUS

NAGPUR, March 15.

A resolution urging all Hindus in the province fully to co-operate with the authorities in the operation of 1941 Census was adopted at a meeting of the Hindu citizens of Nagpur held last night under the presidentship of Dr. B. S. Moonje.

Dr. B. S Moonje and Dr. L. V. Paranjpe, who addressed the meeting, explained the significance of the Hindu Militia known as "Ram Sena".—A. P.

India Condemns With One Voice London Tragedy

Outrage Must Not Interfere With Political Progress Of India

WHILE THE INDIAN PRESS AND PUBLIC LEADERS CONTINUE TO DEPLORE THE ASSASSINATION OF SIR MICHAEL O'DWYER AND THE ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF OTHERS THERE IS UNANIMITY OF OPINION THAT THE AUTHORITIES SHOULD TAKE EVERY CARE TO SEE THAT THEY DO NOT LOSE THEIR SENSE OF PROPORTION AND DECLARE THAT THE OUTRAGE SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO INTERFERE WITH THE POLITICAL PROGRESS OF THE COUNTRY.

THE NAZI PRESS HAS, OF COURSE, ATTEMPTED TO MAKE MUCH OF THE INCIDENT BUT A LONDON JOURNAL GIVES A TELLING REPLY TO THE HOSTILE COMMENTS BY PUBLISHING IN PARALLEL COLUMNS THE VIEWS OF INDIAN LEADERS AND THOSE OF THE NAZI PRESS

NO FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THE ANTECEDENTS OF THE PERSON WHO HAS BEEN PUT ON TRIAL FOR THE OUTRAGE ARE YET AVAILABLE.

India's Reply To German Mischief

Indian condemnation of the Caxton Hall tragedy is given prominence in the British press and in the "News Chronicle" the remarks of Mr. Gandhi, Mr. Bose, Mr. Fazlul Huq and the "Star of India" are printed in parallel with extracts from German newspapers typified by "Angriff" stating "The cry of tormented people spoke with shots."

The "News Chronicle" in a leader draws attention to the unanimity with which all classes and parties in India have condemned the crime and adds "Terrorism is no longer the weapon of Indian campaign for independence. The people of this country know that and will not allow one individual to act in madness to prejudice the Indian case".

Indian Press Condemns Outrage

In a leading article under caption "a senseless crime" the "Pioneer" says that the murder of Sir Michael O'Dwyer, a man 76 years old and 20 years retired from the public service, is one of those senseless crimes which come as a shock even in this age of wanton and wholesale bloodshed.

"We may disagree with a man like Sir Michael O'Dwyer but he deserves our respect, as his family deserves our sympathy."

The paper concludes that fortunately, though political passions are ablaze all over the world, there is not the least reason to suppose either that any but an infinitesimal minority of Europeans, in India or elsewhere, will hold it against the nationalists of this country. Both races have grown wiser and more tolerant from their old quarrels and if fresh quarrels are still to come, political assassination will never again, we hope and believe, be regarded by Indians as a legitimate weapon.

"The people of India will condemn the crime not only with one voice but with all the strength and emphasis they can command, and will express their wholehearted sympathy both with the family of the deceased ex-Lieutenant Governor and with the other victims of the outrage who happily have not been seriously hurt", says the "Tribune" commenting on the Caxton Hall outrage.

"In the case of Lord Zetland himself", adds the paper, "this expression of sympathy will be coupled with a note of thankfulness that he escaped with nothing worse than a slight bullet graze."

The "Tribune" suggests that the best and the most effective answer that the British Government can give to the crime is to go forward with courage and steadfastness and carry out as speedily as they can the policy enunciated by Lord Linlithgow in his latest statement.

The whole of India will be aghast at the dastardly outrage and every party and community will unite in expressing horror and condemnation, says the "Civil and Military Gazette", commenting on the Caxton Hall outrage. If police inquiries, adds the paper, reveal the machinations of a plot no one in India or elsewhere will doubt for one moment that India herself will benefit from the elimination of the plotters.

Indian Leaders Condemn Outrage

"Everyone in India, to whatever party he may belong, will be profoundly shocked to hear of the dastardly outrage at the meeting of the East India Association in the Caxton Hall, says Sir Safaat Ahmad Khan in a press statement.

He continues "The outrage will be unanimously condemned by every Indian resident in England and by all classes and communities in India. Indian sympathy goes out to the victims of the outrage".

Condemning the Caxton Hall outrage, Mr. M. S. Aney in the course of a statement says:—

"Terrorism has not brought about the fall of autocracy and furthered the cause of democracy in any country at any time. On the other hand it has invariably tended to tighten the grip of the autocratic rulers and hinder the progress of national movements.

It is imperative on the part of all those who have the country's best interests at heart to express disapprobation emphatically and unreservedly not merely of the particular outrageous act but of the entire political cult which instigates and misleads the impulsive youths to perpetrate such crimes. Government is entitled to claim every kind of support from the public in their attempts

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Edgar Wallace Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE

THE FEATHERED SERPENT CASE

NOW IF YOU CONCENTRATE ON THE CANDLE, I'LL TRY TO HYPNOTIZE YOU AND BRING BACK YOUR LOST MEMORY.
BLIMEY H'INSPECTOR DONAVAN, H'IF 'E CAN'T REMEMBER WHEN HE'S H'AWAKE, 'OW'S HE GOIN' TO REMEMBER WHEN 'E'S H'ASLEEP?
YOU GOT ME, BOGGS.
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